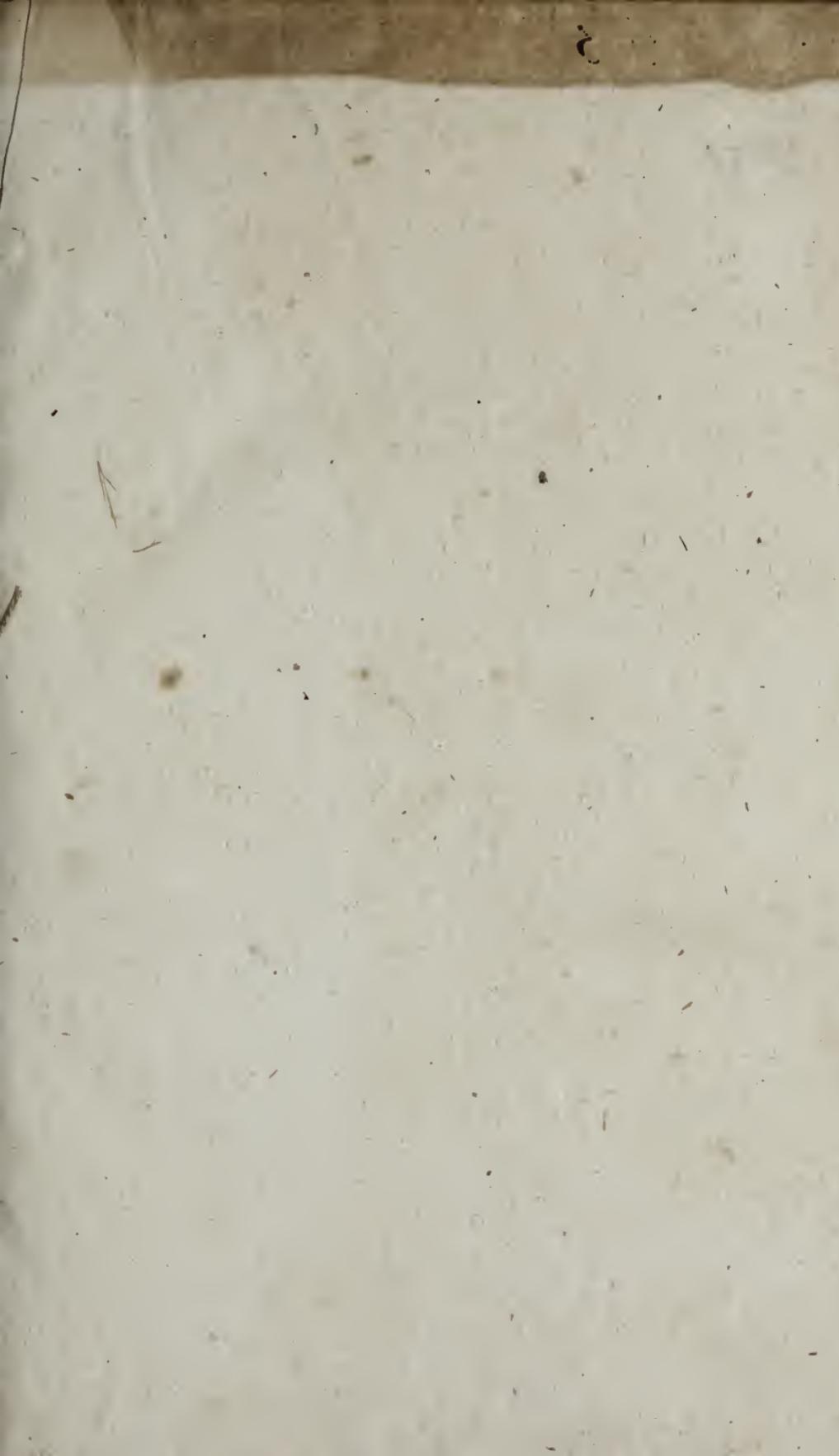
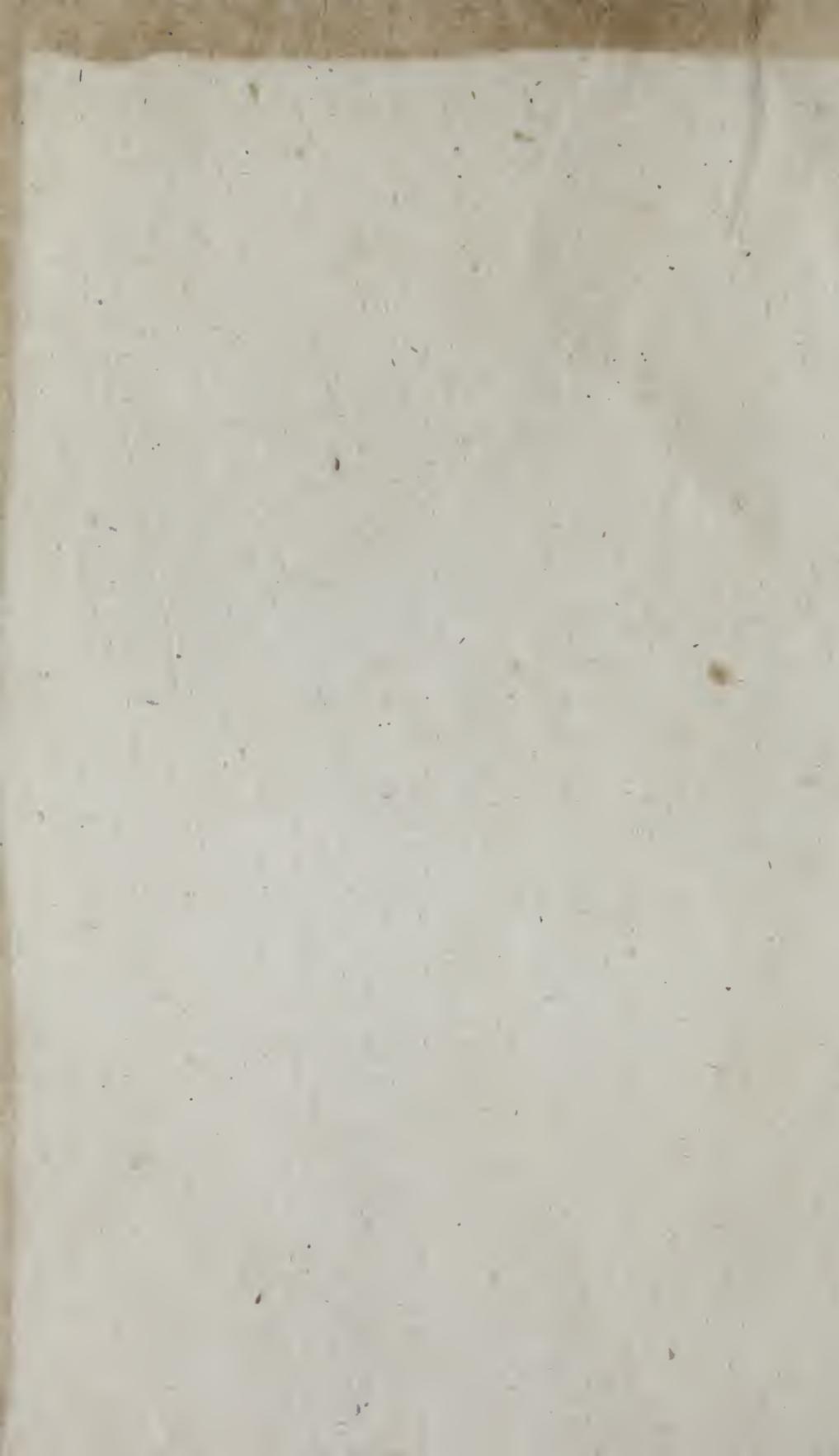
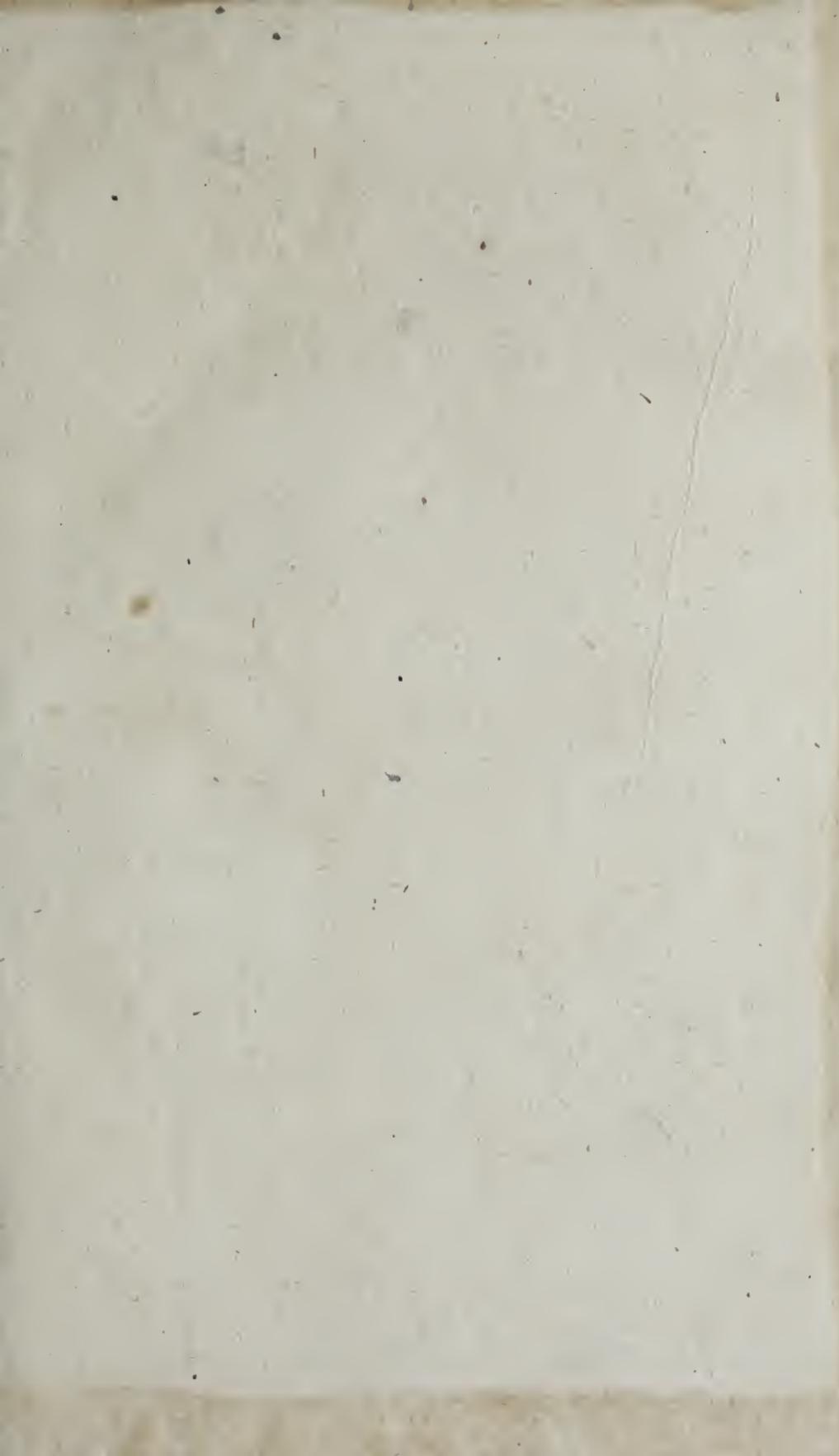


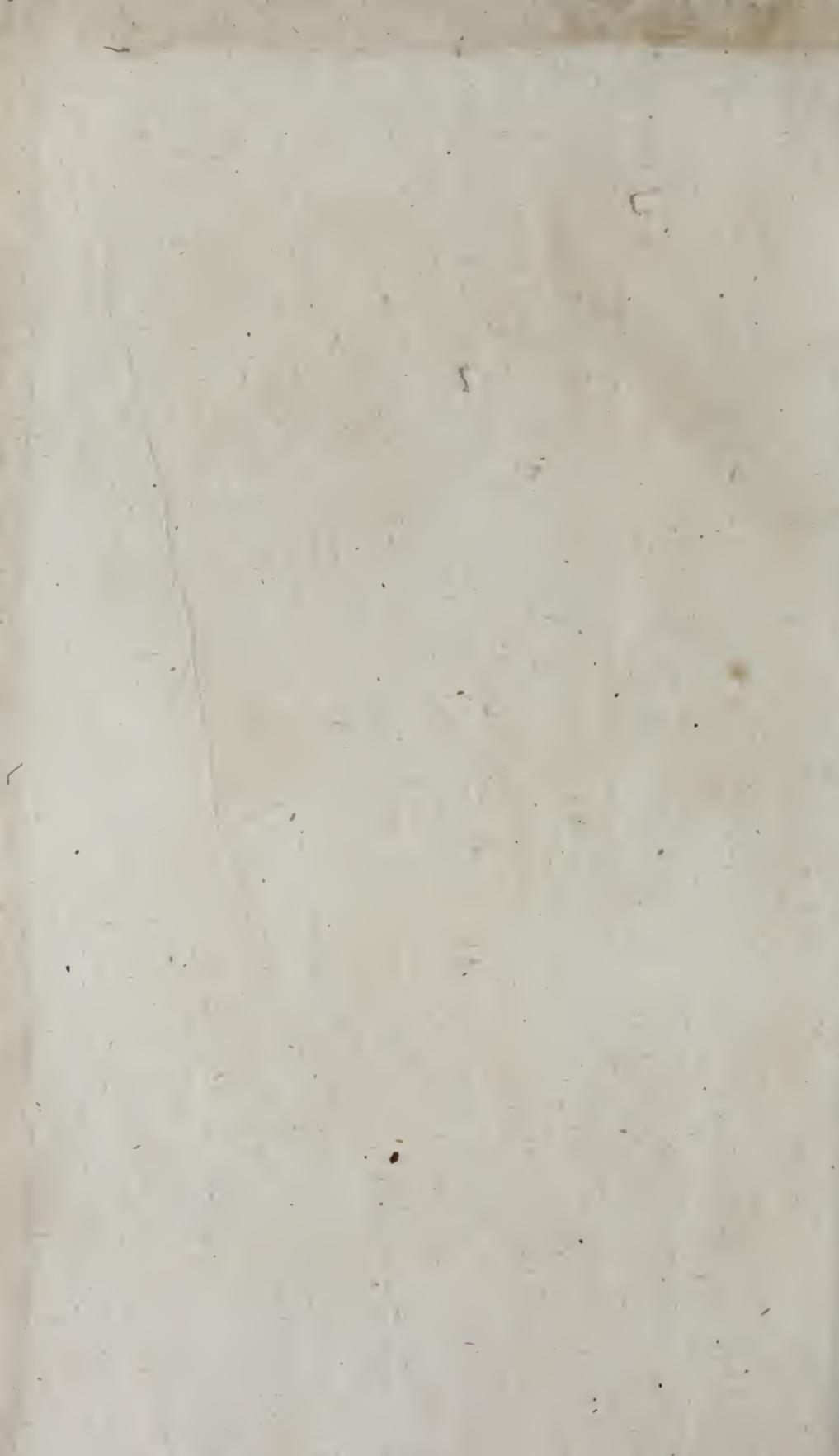
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To the Right Honourable
PHILIP Lord HARDWICKE,
Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain**.

My Lord,

AS no one has exercised the Powers of Speech with juster and more universal applause, than yourself; I have presumed to inscribe the following Treatise to your Lordship, its End being to investigate the Principles of those Powers. It has a farther claim to your Lordship's Patronage, by being connected in some degree with that politer Literature, which, in the most important scenes

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* The above Dedication is printed as it originally stood, the Author being desirous that what he intended as real Respect to the noble Lord, when living, should now be considered, as a Testimony of Gratitude to his Memory.

of Business, you have still found time to cultivate. With regard to myself, if what I have written be the fruits of that Security and Leisure, obtained by living under a mild and free Government; to whom for this am I more indebted, than to your Lordship, whether I consider you as a Legislator, or as a Magistrate, the first both in dignity and reputation? Permit me therefore thus publicly to assure your Lordship, that with the greatest gratitude and respect I am, My Lord,

*Your Lordship's most obliged,
and most obedient humble Servant,*

*Cloſe of ſalifbury,
Oc. 1, 1751.*

James Harris.

P R E F A C E.

*T*HE chief End, proposed by the Author of this Treatise in making it public, has been to excite his Readers to curiosity and inquiry; not to teach them himself by prolix and formal Lectures, (from the efficacy of which he has little expectation) but to induce them, if possible, to become Teachers to themselves, by an impartial use of their own understandings. He thinks nothing more absurd than the common notion of Instruction, as if Science were to be poured into the Mind, like water into a cistern, that passively waits to receive all that comes. The growth of Knowledge he rather thinks to resemble the growth of Fruit; however external causes may in some degree co-operate, it is the internal vigour, and virtue of

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the tree, that must ripen the juices to their just maturity.

This then, namely, the exciting men to inquire for themselves into subjects worthy of their contemplation, this the Author declares to have been his first and principal motive for appearing in print. Next to that, as he has always been a lover of Letters, he would willingly approve his studies to the liberal and ingenuous. He has particularly named these, in distinction to others; because, as his studies were never prosecuted with the least regard to lucre, so they are no way calculated for any lucrative End. The liberal therefore and ingenuous (whom he has mentioned already) are those, to whose perusal he offers what he has written. Should they judge favourably of his attempt, he may not perhaps hesitate to confess,

Hoc juvat et melli est. —

Fortho' he hopes, he cannot be charged with the foolish love of vain Praise, he has no desire to be thought indifferent, or insensible to honest Fame.

From the influence of these sentiments, he has endeavoured to treat his subject with as much order, correctness, and perspicuity as in his power; and if he has failed, he can safely say (according to the vulgar phrase) that the failure has been his misfortune, and not his fault. He scorns those trite and contemptible methods of anticipating pardon for a bad performance, that "it was the hasty fruits of a few idle hours; written merely for private amusement; never revised; published against consent, at the importunity of friends, copies (God knows how) having by stealth gotten abroad;" with other stale jargon of equal falsehood and inanity. May we not ask such Prefacers, If what they allege

be true, what has the world to do with them and their crudities ?

As to the Book itself, it can say this in its behalf, that it does not merely confine itself to what its title promises, but expatiates freely into whatever is collateral; aiming on every occasion to rise in its inquiries, and to pass, as far as possible, from small matters to the greatest. Nor is it formed merely upon sentiments that are now in fashion, or supported only by such authorities as are modern. Many Authors are quoted, that now a-days are but little studied; and some perhaps, whose very names are hardly known.

The Fate indeed of antient Authors (as we have happened to mention them) is not unworthy of our notice. A few of them survive in the Libraries of the learned, where some venerable Folio, that still goes by their name, just

just suffices to give them a kind of nominal existence. The rest have long fallen into a deeper obscurity, their very names, when mentioned, affecting us as little, as the names, when we read them, of those subordinate Heroes,

Alcandrumque, Haliumque, Nemonaque, Prytanimque.

Now if an Author, not content with the more eminent of antient Writers, should venture to bring his reader into such company as these last, among people (in the fashionable phrase) that no body knows; what usage, what quarter can he have reason to expect?—Should the Author of these speculations have done this (and it is to be feared he has) what method had he best take in a circumstance so critical?—Let us suppose him to apologize in the best manner he can, and in consequence of this, to suggest as follows—

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He hopes there will be found a pleasure in the contemplation of ancient sentiments, as the view of ancient Architecture, tho' in ruins, has something venerable. Add to this, what from its antiquity is but little known, has from that very circumstance the recommendation of novelty; so that here, as in other instances, Extremes may be said to meet. Farther still, as the Authors, whom he has quoted, lived in various ages, and in distant countries; some in the full maturity of Grecian and Roman Literature; some in its declension; and others in periods still more barbarous, and depraved; it may afford perhaps no unpleasing speculation, to see how the SAME REASON has at all times prevailed; how there is ONE TRUTH, like one Sun, that has enlightened human Intelligence through every age, and saved it from the darkness both of Sophistry and Error.

Nothing

Nothing can more tend to enlarge the Mind, than these extensive views of Men, and human Knowledge; nothing can more effectually take us off from the foolish admiration of what is immediately before our eyes, and help us to a juster estimate both of present Men, and present Literature.

It is perhaps too much the case with the multitude in every nation, that as they know little beyond themselves, and their own affairs, so out of this narrow sphere of knowledge, they think nothing worth knowing. As we BRITONS by our situation live divided from the whole world, this perhaps will be found to be more remarkably our case: And hence the reason, that our studies are usually satisfied in the works of our own Countrymen; that in Philosophy, in Poetry, in every kind of subject, whether serious or ludicrous, whether sacred or profane, we think per-

perfection with ourselves, and that it is superfluous to search farther.

The Author of this Treatise would by no means detract from the just honours due to those of his Countrymen, who either in the present, or preceding age, have so illustriously adorned it. But tho' he can with pleasure and sincerity join in celebrating their deserts, he would not have the admiration of these, or of any other few, to pass thro' blind excess into a contempt of all others. Were such Admiration to become universal, an odd event would follow; a few learned Men, without any fault of their own, would contribute in a manner to the extinction of Letters.

A like evil to that of admiring only the authors of our own age, is that of admiring only the authors of one particular Science. There is indeed in this last prejudice something
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peculiarly unfortunate, and that is, the more excellent the Science, the more likely it will be found to produce this effect.

There are few Sciences more intrinsically valuable, than MATHEMATICS. It is hard indeed to say, to which they have more contributed, whether to the Utilities of Life, or to the sublimest parts of Science. They are the noblest Praxis of LOGIC, or UNIVERSAL REASONING. It is thro' them we may perceive, how the stated Forms of Syllogism are exemplified in one Subject, namely the Predicament of Quantity. By marking the force of these Forms, as they are applied here, we may be enabled to apply them of ourselves elsewhere. Nay farther still—by viewing the MIND, during its process in these syllogistic employments, we may come to know in part, what kind of Being it is; since MIND, like other Powers, can be

be only known from its Operations. Whoever therefore will study Mathematics in this view, will become not only by Mathematics a more expert Logician, and by Logic a more rational Mathematician, but a wiser Philosopher, and an acuter Reasoner, in all the possible subjects either of science or deliberation.

But when Mathematics, instead of being applied to this excellent purpose, are used not to exemplify Logic, but to supply its place ; no wonder if Logic pass into contempt, and if Mathematics, instead of furthering science, become in fact an obstacle. For when men, knowing nothing of that Reasoning which is universal, come to attach themselves for years to a single Species, a species wholly involved in Lines and Numbers only ; they grow insensibly to believe these last as inseparable from all Reasoning, as the poor Indians thought every

every horseman to be inseparable from his horse.

And thus we see the use, nay the necessity of enlarging our literary views, lest even Knowledge itself should obstruct its own growth, and perform in some measure the part of ignorance and barbarity.

Such then is the Apology made by the Author of this Treatise, for the multiplicity of antient quotations, with which he has filled his Book. If he can excite in his readers a proper spirit of curiosity; if he can help in the least degree to enlarge the bounds of Science; to revive the decaying taste of antient Literature; to lessen the bigotted contempt of every thing not modern; and to assert to Authors of every age their just portion of esteem; if he can in the least degree contribute to these ends, he hopes it may be allowed, that he has done a service

service to mankind. Should this service be a reason for his *Work* to survive, he has confess already, it would be no unpleasing event. Should the contrary happen, he must acquiesce in its fate, and let it peaceably pass to those destined regions, whither the productions of modern *Wit* are every day passing,

— in vicum vendentem tus et
odores.

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BOOK I.

CHAP. I.

INTRODUCTION.

Design of the Whole.

IF Men by nature had been framed Ch. I. for Solitude, they had never felt an Impulse to converse one with another: And if, like lower Animals, they had been by nature irrational, they could not have recognized the proper Subjects of Discourse. Since SPEECH then is the joint Energie of our best and noblest Faculties (a), (that is to say, of our *Reason*,

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(a) See V. I. p. 147 to 169. See also Note xv. p. 292, and Note xix. p. 296. of the same Volume.

Ch. I. *son and our social Affection) being withal our peculiar Ornament and Distinction, as Men*; those Inquiries may surely be deemed interesting as well as liberal, which either search how SPEECH may be naturally *resolved*; or how, when resolved, it may be again *combined*.

HERE a large field for speculating opens before us. We may either behold SPEECH, as divided into *its constituent Parts*, as a Statue may be divided into its several Limbs; or else, as resolved into its *Matter* and *Form*, as the same Statue may be resolved into its Marble and Figure.

THESE different *Analysings* or *Resolutions* constitute what we call (*b*) PHILOSOPHICAL, OR UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR.

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(*b*) Grammaticam *etiam bipartitam ponemus, ut alia sit literaria, alia philosophica &c.* Bacon. de Augm. Scient. VI. 1. And soon after he adds—*Verumtamen hâc ipsâ re moniti, cogitatione complexi sumus Grammaticam quandam, quæ non analogiam verborum ad invicem, sed analogiam inter verba et res sive rationem sedulò inquirat.*

WHEN we have viewed SPEECH thus Ch. I. *analysed*, we may then consider it, as compounded. And here in the first place we may contemplate that (c) *Synthesis*, which *by combining simple Terms* produces a *Truth*; then *by combining two Truths* produces a *third*; and thus others, and others, in continued Demonstration, till we are led, as by a road, into the regions of SCIENCE.

Now this is that *superior* and most excellent *Synthesis*, which alone applies itself to our *Intellect* or *Reason*, and which to

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conduct

(c) Aristotle says — τῶν δὲ καλὰ μηδεμίαν συμπλοκὴν λεγομένων δὲν γέτε ἀληθὲς γέτε ψευδές ἐσιν οἷον ἀνθρωπός, λεῦκός, τρέχει, νικᾷ — Of those words which are spoken without Connection, there is no one either true or false; as for instance, *Man*, *white*, *runneth*, *conquereth*. Cat. C. 4. So again in the beginning of his Treatise *De Interpretatione*, περὶ γὰρ σύνθεσιν καὶ διάίρεσιν ἔσι τὸ ψευδός τε καὶ τὸ ἀληθές. *True and False are seen in Composition and Division.* Composition makes *affirmative Truth*, Division makes *negative*, yet both alike bring Terms together, and so far therefore may be called synthetical.

Ch. I. conduct according to Rule, constitutes the Art of LOGIC.

AFTER this we may turn to those (d) *inferior Compositions*, which are productive

(d) *Ammonius* in his Comment on the Treatise Περὶ Ερμηνείας, p. 53. gives the following Extract from *Theophrastus*, which is here inserted at length, as well for the Excellence of the Matter, as because it is not (I believe) elsewhere extant.

Διτῆς γὰρ ὅσης τῇ λόγῳ σχέσεως, (καθ' ἀδιώριστου ἢ φιλόσοφοῦ Θεόφραστοῦ) τῆς τε ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΑΚΡΟΩΜΕΝΟΥΣ, οἵς καὶ σημαίνει τι, καὶ τῆς ΠΡΟΣ ΤΑ ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΑ, ὑπὲρ ᾧ ὁ λέγων τεί-
σαι προσίθηται τὸς ἀκροωμένης, τερὶ μὲν ἐν τὴν σχέ-
σιν ἀλλὰ τὴν ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΑΚΡΟΑΤΑΣ καλα-
γίνουσι τοιητικὴ καὶ ῥητορικὴ, διότι ἔργουν ἀλλαῖς ἐκλέ-
γεσθαι τὰ σεμνότερα τῶν ὀνομάτων, ἀλλὰ μὴ τὰ κοινὰ
καὶ δεδημεριμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐναρμονίως συμπλέκειν ἀλ-
λήλοις, ὡς διὰ τύτων καὶ τῶν τύτοις ἐπομένων, οἷον
σαφηνείας, γλυκύτητος, καὶ τῶν ἀλλων ἰδεῶν, ἔπει τε
μακρολογίας, καὶ βραχυλογίας, καλὰ καιρὸν τάντων τα-
ραλαρματομένων, οἵσαι τε τὸν ἀκροατὴν, καὶ ἐκπλῆξαι.
καὶ πρὸς τὴν τείθω χειρωθέντα ἔχειν· τῆς δέ γε ΠΡΟΤΑ
ΠΡΑΓΜΑΤΑ τῇ λόγῳ σχέσεως ὁ φιλόσοφος προπηγμένως ἐπιμελήσειται, τό, τε ψεῦδος διελέγχων,

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sant in all their kinds. These latter Com- —
positions

ἢ τὸ ἀληθὲς ἀποδεικνύσ. The Relation of Speech being twofold (as the Philosopher Theophrastus hath settled it) one to the HEARERS, to whom it explains something, and one to the THINGS, concerning which the Speaker proposes to persuade his Hearers: With respect to the first Relation, that which regards the HEARERS, are employed Poetry and Rhetoric. Thus it becomes the busines of these two, to select the most respectable Words, and not those that are common and of vulgar use, and to connect such Words harmoniously one with another, so as thro' these things and their consequences, such as Perspicuity, Delicacy, and the other Forms of Eloquence, together with Copiousness and Brevity, all employed in their proper season, to lead the Hearer, and strike him, and hold him vanquished by the power of Persuasion. On the contrary, as to the Relation of Speech to THINGS, here the Philosopher will be found to have a principal employ, as well in refuting the False, as in demonstrating the True.

Sanctius speaks elegantly on the same Subject. *Creavit Deus hominem rationis participem; cui, quia Sociabilem esse voluit, magno pro munere dedit Sermonem. Sermoni autem perficiendo tres officies adhibuit. Prima est Grammatica, quæ ab oratione sollicitos. & barbarismos expellit; secunda Dialectica, quæ in Sermonis veritate versatur; tertia Rhetorica, quæ ornatum Sermonis tantum exquirit.* Min. l. 1. c. 2.

Ch. I. positions aspire not to the Intellect, but being addressed to the *Imagination*, the *Affections*, and the *Sense*, become from their different heightnings either RHETORIC or POETRY.

NOR need we necessarily view these Arts distinctly and apart; we may observe, if we please, how perfectly they co-incide. GRAMMAR is equally requisite to every one of the rest. And though LOGIC may indeed subsist without RHETORIC or POETRY, yet so necessary to these last is a sound and correct LOGIC, that without it, they are no better than warbling Trifles.

Now all these Inquiries (as we have said already) and such others arising from them as are of still sublimer Contemplation, (of which in the Sequel there may be possibly not a few) may with justice be deem'd Inquiries both interesting and liberal.

AT present we shall postpone the whole Ch. I. synthetical Part, (that is to say, *Logic* and *Rhetoric*) and confine ourselves to the analytical, that is to say UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR. In this we shall follow the Order, that we have above laid down, first dividing SPEECH, as a WHOLE into its CONSTITUENT PARTS; then resolving it, as a COMPOSITE, into its MATTER and FORM; two Methods of Analysis very different in their kind, and which lead to a variety of very different Speculations.

SHOULD any one object, that in the course of our Inquiry we sometimes descend to things, which appear trivial and low; let him look upon the effects, to which those things contribute, then from the Dignity of the Consequences, let him honour the Principles.

THE following Story may not improperly be here inserted. "When the Fame

Ch. I. " of Heraclitus was celebrated through-
 — " out Greece, there were certain persons,
 " that had a curiosity to see so great a
 " Man. They came, and, as it happened,
 " found him warming himself in a
 " Kitchen. The meanness of the place
 " occasioned them to stop; upon which
 " the Philosopher thus accosted them—
 " ENTER (says he) BOLDLY, FOR HERE
 " TOO THERE ARE GODS (e)."

WE shall only add, that as there is no part of Nature too mean for the Divine Presence; so there is no kind of Subject, having its foundation in Nature, that is below the Dignity of a philosophical Inquiry.

(e) See *Aristot. de Part. Animal.* l. i. c. 5.

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*Concerning the Analysing of Speech into its
smallest Parts.*

THOSE things, which are *first to Nature* Ch. II. —
— *ture*, are not *first to Man*. *Nature*
begins from *Causes*, and thence descends
to *Effects*. *Human Perceptions* first open
upon *Effects*, and thence by slow degrees
ascend to *Causes*. Often had Mankind
seen the Sun in Eclipse, before they knew
its Cause to be the Moon's Interposition;
much oftner had they seen those unceasing
Revolutions of Summer and Winter, of
Day and Night, before they knew the
Cause to be the Earth's double Motion (a).

Even

(a) This Distinction of *first to Man*, and *first to Nature*, was greatly regarded in the Peripatetic Philosophy. See *Arist. Phys. Auscult.* l. 1. c. 1. *Themistius's Comment* on the same, *Posterior. Analyt.* l. 1. c. 2. *De Anima*, l. 2. c. 2. It leads us, when properly regarded, to a very important Distinction between

Ch. II. Even in Matters of Art and *human Creation*, if we except a few Artists and critical

tween Intelligence *Divine* and Intelligence *Human*. GOD may be said to view the First, as first; and the Last, as last; that is, he views *Effects* thro' *Causes* in their *natural Order*. MAN views the Last, as first; and the First, as last; that is, he views *Causes* thro' *Effects*, in an *inverse Order*. And hence the Meaning of that Passage in *Aristotle*: ὡσπερ γὰρ τὰ τῶν νυκτερίδων ὅμματα πρὸς τὸ φέγγος ἔχει τὸ μεθ' ἡμέραν, οὕτω καὶ τῆς ἡμετέρας ψυχῆς ὁ Νᾶς πρὸς τὴν φύσει φωνερώτατα πάντων. *As are the Eyes of Bats to the Light of the Day, so is Man's Intelligence to those Objects, that are by Nature the brightest and most conspicuous of all Things*, Metaph. 1. 2. c. 1. See also 1. 7. c. 4. and *Ethic. Nicom.* 1. 1. c. 4. Ammonius, reasoning in the same way, says very pertinently to the Subject of this Treatise—Αγαπητὸν τῇ ἀνθρωπίνῃ φύσει, ἐκ τῶν ἀτελεσέρων καὶ συνθέτων ἐπὶ τὰ ἀπλέσερα καὶ τελειότερα προΐεναι τὰ γὰρ σύνθετα μᾶλλου συνίθη ἡμῖν, καὶ γνωριμώτερα. "Οὐτω γὰν καὶ ὁ παῖς εἶραι μὲν λόγου, καὶ ἐιπεῖν, Σωκράτης περιπατεῖ, οἴδε· τέτοιο δὲ ἀναλύσαι εἰς ὄνομα καὶ ῥῆμα, καὶ ταῦτα εἰς συλλαβᾶς, κακεῖνα εἰς σοιχεῖα, θάκετι. *Human Nature may be well contented to advance from the more imperfect and complex to the more simple and perfect; for the complex Subjects are more familiar to us, and better known. Thus therefore it is that even a Child knows how to put a Sentence together, and say, Socrates walketh;*

tical Observers, the rest look no higher Ch. II. than to the *Practice* and mere *Work*, knowing nothing of those *Principles*, on which the whole depends.

Thus in SPEECH for example—All men, even the lowest, can speak their Mother-Tongue. Yet how many of this multitude can neither write, nor even read? How many of those, who are thus far literate, know nothing of that Grammar, which respects the Genius of their own Language? How few then must be those, who know GRAMMAR UNIVERSAL; *that Grammar*, which without regarding the several Idioms of particular Languages, *only respects those Principles, that are essential to them all?*

"Tis our present Design to inquire about this Grammar; in doing which we shall follow

walketh; but how to resolve this Sentence into a Noun and Verb, and these again into Syllables, and Syllables into Letters or Elements, here he is at a loss. Am. in Com. de Prædic. p. 29.

Ch. II. follow the Order consonant to *human Perception*, as being for that reason the more easy to be understood.

WE shall begin therefore first from a *Period* or *Sentence*, that combination in Speech, which is obvious to all, and thence pass, if possible, to those its *primary Parts*, which, however essential, are only obvious to a few.

WITH respect therefore to the different Species of Sentences, who is there so ignorant, as if we address him in his Mother-Tongue, not to know when 'tis we *assert*, and when we *question*; when 'tis we *command*, and when we *pray* or *wish*?

FOR example, when we read in *Shakespeare**,

*The Man, that hath no music in himself,
And is not mov'd with concord of sweet
sounds,
Is fit for Treasons—*

Or

* Merchant of *Venice*.

Or in *Milton**,

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*O Friends, I hear the tread of nimble
feet,
Hasting this way—*

'tis obvious that these are *affertive Sentences*, one founded upon Judgment, the other upon Sensation.

WHEN the Witch in *Macbeth* says to her Companions,

*When shall we three meet again
In thunder, lightning, and in rain?*

this 'tis evident is an *interrogative Sentence*.

WHEN *Macbeth* says to the Ghost of *Banquo*,

—*Hence, horrible Shadow,
Unreal Mock'ry hence! —*

he speaks an *imperative Sentence*, founded upon the passion of hatred.

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* P. L. IV. 866.

Ch. II. WHEN Milton says in the character of
his *Allegro*,

*Haste thee, Nymph, and bring with thee
Jest and youthful Follity,*

he too speaks an *imperative Sentence*, tho'
founded on the passion, not of hatred but
of love.

WHEN in the beginning of the *Para-
dise Lost* we read the following address,

*And chiefly thou, O Spirit, that dost prefer
Before all temples th' upright heart, and
pure,*

Instruct me, for thou know'st—

this is not to be called an *imperative
Sentence*, tho' perhaps it bear the same
Form, but rather (if I may use the Word)
'tis a Sentence *precative* or *optative*.

WHAT then shall we say? Are Sen-
tences to be quoted in this manner without
ceasing, all differing from each other in
their

their stamp and character? Are they no Ch. II. way reducible to certain definite Classes? If not, they can be no objects of *rational* comprehension.—Let us however try.

"Tis a phrase often apply'd to a man, when speaking, that *he speaks his MIND*; as much as to say, that his Speech or Discourse is *a publishing of some Energie or Motion of his Soul*. So it indeed is in every one that speaks, excepting alone the Dissembler or Hypocrite; and he too, as far as possible, affects the appearance.

Now the POWERS OF THE SOUL (over and above the meer † nutritive) may be included all of them in those of PERCEPTION, and those of VOLITION. By the Powers of PERCEPTION, I mean the *Senses* and the *Intellect*; by the Powers of VOLITION, I mean, in an extended sense, not only the *Will*, but the several *Passions* and *Appetites*; in short, *all that moves to Action*, whether *rational* or *irrational*.

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† Vid. Aristot. de An. II. 4.

Ch. II. IF then the leading Powers of the Soul
be these two, 'tis plain that every Speech
or Sentence, as far as it exhibits the Soul,
must of course respect one or other of
these.

IF we *assert*, then is it a Sentence which
respects the Powers of PERCEPTION. For
what indeed is to *assert*, if we consider the
examples above alleged, but *to publish*
some Perception either of the Senses or
the Intellect?

AGAIN, if we *interrogate*, if we *com-*
mand, if we *pray*, or if we *wish*, (which
in terms of Art is to speak Sentences *in-*
terrogative, imperative, precative, or op-
tative) what do we but publish so many
different VOLITIONS?—For who is it that
questions? He that has a *Desire* to be in-
formed.—Who is it that *commands*? He
that has a *Will*, which he would have
obey'd.—What are those Beings, who
either *wish* or *pray*? Those, who feel
certain

certain wants either for themselves, or Ch. II.
others:

IF then the Soul's leading Powers be the two above mentioned, and it be true that all Speech is a publication of these Powers, it will follow that EVERY SENTENCE WILL BE EITHER A SENTENCE OF ASSERTION, OR A SENTENCE OF VOLITION. And thus, by referring all of them to one of these two classes, have we found an expedient to reduce their infinitude (b).

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(b) Πηλέου οὐ ὅτι τῆς ψυχῆς τῆς ἡμετέρας διτίας ἐχόστις δυνάμεις, τὰς μὲν γνωσικὰς, τὰς δὲ ζωτικὰς, τὰς καὶ ὀρεκτικὰς λειρομένας· (λέγω δὲ γνωσικὰς μὲν, καθ' ἃς γινώσκομεν ἔκαστον τῶν ὄντων, οἷον νῦν, διανοιαν, δόξαν, Φαντασίαν καὶ ἀισθησιν· ὀρεκτικὰς δὲ, καθ' ἃς ἐρεγόμεθα τῶν αἰτιῶν, ἢ τῶν ὄντων, ἢ τῶν δοκέντων, οἷον βέλησιν λέγω, προαίρεσιν, Θυμὸν, καὶ ἐπιθυμίαν) τὰ ΜΕΝ τέτταρα εἴδη τῷ λόγῳ (τὰ παρὰ τὸν ἀποΦαντικὸν) ἀπὸ τῶν ὀρεκτικῶν δυνάμεων προέρχονται τῆς ψυχῆς, ἐκ ἀυτῆς καθ' ἀυτὴν ἐνεργύστης, ἀλλὰ πρὸς ἔτερον ἀποτελομένης (τὸν συμβάλλεσθαι δοκένται πρὸς τὸ τυχεῖν τῆς ὀρέξεως) καὶ ἦτοι λόγου παρ' αὐτῇ

Ch. II. THE Extensions of Speech are quite indefinite, as may be seen if we compare the

ζητίστη, παθάπερ ἐπὶ τῷ ΠΥΣΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ καὶ ΕΡΩΤΗΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ παλαιμένη λόγη, ἢ ὡρᾶγμα, καὶ εἰς ὡρᾶγμα, πότις αὐτῆς ἐκείνη τυχεῖν ἐφιεμένης, πρὸς ὅν ὁ λόγος, ὡσπερ ἐπὶ τῷ ΚΛΗΤΙΚΟΥ, ἢ τινὸς παρ' αὐτῆς προάξεως καὶ τάυτης, ἢ ὡς παρὰ κρείτονος, ὡς ἐπὶ τῆς ΕΤΧΗΣ, ἢ ὡς παρὰ χείρους, ὡς ἐπὶ τῷ κυρίως παλαιμένης ΠΡΟΣΤΑΞΕΩΣ· μόνου ΔΕ τὸ ΑΠΟΦΑΝΤΙΚΟΝ ἀπὸ τῶν γνωστῶν, καὶ ἐξι τῷτο ἐξηγελτικὸν τῆς γενομένης ἐν ἡμῖν γνώσεως τῶν πραγμάτων ἀληθῶς, ἢ Φαινομένως, διὸ καὶ μόνον τότε δεκτικόν ἐστιν ἀληθείας ἢ ψεύδες, τῶν δὲ ἄλλων δόξην. The Meaning of the above passage being implied in the Text, we take its translation from the *Latin Interpreter*. *Dicendum igitur est, cum anima nostra duplīcē potestatē habeat, cognitionis, & vitæ, quæ etiam appetitionis ac cupiditatis appellatur, quæ vero cognitionis est, vis est, quâ res singulas cognoscimus, ut mens, cogitatio, opinio, phantasia, sensus: appetitus vero facultas est, quâ bona, vel quæ sunt, vel quæ videntur, concupiscimus, ut sunt voluntas, consilium, ira, cupiditas: quatuor orationis species, præter enunciantem, a partibus animi proficiuntur, quæ concupiscunt; non cum animus ipse per se agit, sed cum ad alium se convertit, qui ei ad consequendum id, quod cupid, conducere posse videatur; atque etiam vel rationem ab eo exquirit, ut in oratione, quam percunctantem,*

the Eneid to an Epigram of *Martial*. But Ch. II. the *longest Extension*, with which Grammar has to do, is the Extension here consider'd, that is to say a SENTENCE. The greater Extensions (such as Syllogisms, Paragraphs, Sections, and complete Works) belong not to Grammar, but to Arts of higher order; not to mention that all of them are but Sentences repeated.

Now a SENTENCE (*c*) may be sketch'd in the following description—*a compound*

C 2 *Quantity*

tem, aut Interrogantēm vocant; vel rem: sique rem, vel cum ipsum consequi cupit, quiccum loquitur, ut in op- tante oratione, vel aliquam ejus actionem: atque in hāc, vel ut a præstantiore, ut in Deprecatione; vel ut ab in- fieriore, ut in eo, qui proprie Jussus nominatur. Scl autem Enuncians a cognoscendi facultate proficiuntur: hæcque nunciat rerum cognitionem, quæ in nobis est, aut veram, aut simulatam. Itaque Hæc sola verum falsum- que capit: præterea vero nulla. Ammon. in Libr. de Interpretatione.

(c) Λόγῳ δὲ φωνὴ συνθετὴ σημαντικὴ, ἡς ἔνικ
μέρην παθ' ἀυτὰ σημαίνει τι. Arist. Poet. c. 20. See
also de Interpret. c. 4.

Ch. II. *Quantity of Sound significant, of which certain Parts are themselves also significant.*

THUS when I say [*the Sun shineth*] not only the *whole quantity* of sound has a meaning, but *certain Parts* also, such as [*Sun*] and [*shineth.*]

BUT what shall we say? Have these Parts again other Parts, which are in like manner significant, and so may the progress be pursued to infinite? Can we suppose all Meaning, like Body, to be divisible, and to include within itself other Meanings without end? If this be absurd, then must we necessarily admit, that there is such a thing as *a Sound significant, of which no Part is of itself significant.* And this is what we call the proper character of a (*d*) WORD. For thus, though the Words

(d) Φωνὴ σημαντικὴ, — ἡς μέρος ὃδέν εἰς ναθ' αὐτὸς σημαντικόν. De Poetic. c. 20. De Interpret. c. 2. & 3. Priscian's Definition of a Word (Lib. 2.) is as follows

Words [*Sun*] and [*shineth*] have each a Ch. II. Meaning, yet is there certainly no Meaning in any of their Parts, neither in the Syllables of the one, nor in the Letters of the other.

IF therefore ALL SPEECH whether in prose or verse, every Whole, every Section, every Paragraph, every Sentence, imply a certain *Meaning*, divisible into other *Meanings*, but WORDS imply a *Meaning*, which is not so divisible: it follows that WORDS will be the *smallest parts of speech*, in as much as nothing less has any Meaning at all.

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follows—*Dicitio est pars minima orationis construētæ, id est, in ordine compositæ. Pars autem, quantum ad totum intelligendum, id est, ad totius sensus intellectum. Hoc autem ideo dictum est, ne quis conetur vires in duas partes dividere, hoc est, in vi & res; non enim ad totum intelligendum hæc sit divisio.* To Priscian we may add Theodore Gaza.—Λέξις δέ, μέρος ἐλάχιστον κατὰ σύνταξιν λόγων. Introd. Gram. l. 4. Plato shewed them this characteristic of a Word—See *Cratylus*, p. 385. Edit. Serr.

Ch. II. *To know therefore the species of Words*
must needs contribute to the knowledge of
Speech, as it implies a knowledge of its
minutest Parts.

THIS therefore must become our next
Inquiry.

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C H A P. III.

*Concerning the species of Words, the smallest
Parts of Speech.*

LET us first search for the *Species* of Ch. III. Words among those Parts of Speech, commonly received by Grammarians. For example, in one of the passages above cited.—

*The Man, that hath no music in himself,
And is not mov'd with concord of sweet
sounds,
Is fit for treasons—*

Here the Word [*The*] is an ARTICLE;— [*Man*] [*No*] [*Music*] [*Concord*] [*Sweet*] [*Sounds*] [*Fit*] [*Treasons*] are all NOUNS, some Substantive, and some Adjective— [*That*] and [*Himself*] are PRONOUNS— [*Hath*] and [*is*] are VERBS— [*moved*] a PARTICIPLE— [*Not*] an ADVERB— [*And*] a CONJUNCTION— [*In*] [*with*] and [*For*]

Ch. III. are PREPOSITIONS. In one sentence we have all those Parts of Speech, which the Greek Grammarians are found to acknowledge. The *Latins* only differ in having no Article, and in separating the INTERJECTION, as a Part of itself, which the *Greeks* include among the Species of *Adverbs*.

WHAT then shall we determine? why are there not more Species of Words? why so many? or if neither more nor fewer, why these and not others?

To resolve, if possible, these several Queries, let us examine any Sentence that comes in our way, and see what differences we can discover in its Parts. For example, the same Sentence above,

The Man that hath no music, &c.

ONE Difference soon occurs, that some Words are *variable*, and others *invariable*. Thus the Word *Man* may be varied into *Man's* and *Men*; *Hath*, into *Have*, *Hast*, *Had*,

Had, &c. Sweet into Sweeter and Sweetest; Ch.III.
Fit into Fitter and Fittest. On the contrary the Words, *The, In, And*, and some others, remain as they are, and *cannot be altered.*

AND yet it may be questioned, how far this Difference is essential. For in the first place, there are Variations, which can be hardly called necessary, because only some Languages have them, and others have them not. Thus the *Greeks* have the *dual* Variation, which is unknown both to the Moderns and to the ancient *Latins*. Thus the *Greeks* and *Latins* vary their Adjectives by the *triple Variation* of Gender, Case, and Number; whereas the *English* never vary them in any of those ways, but thro' all kinds of Concord preserve them still the same. Nay even those very Variations, which appear most necessary, may have their places supplied by other methods; some by *Auxiliars*, as when for *Bruti*, or *Bruto* we say, *of Brutus, to Brutus*; some
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Ch.III. by meer Position, as when for *Brutum amavit Cassius*, we say, *Cassius lov'd Brutus*. For here the *Accusative*, which in *Latin* is known *any where* from its *Variation*, is in *English* only known from its *Position* or place.

If then the Distinction of Variable and Invariable will not answer our purpose, let us look farther for some other more essential.

SUPPOSE then we should dissolve the Sentence above cited, and view its several *Parts* as they stand *separate* and detached. Some 'tis plain *still preserve a Meaning*, (such as *Man, Music, Sweet, &c.*) others on the contrary *immediately lose it* (such as, *And, The, With, &c.*) Not that these last have no meaning at all, but in fact they never have it, but when *in company*, or *associated*.

Now it should seem that this Distinction, if any, was essential. For if all Words

Words are significant, or else they would not be Words; and if every thing not *absolute*, is of course *relative*, then will all Words be significant either *absolutely* or *relatively*.

WITH respect therefore to this Distinction, the first sort of Words may be call'd *significant by themselves*; the latter may be call'd *significant by relation*; or if we like it better, the first sort may be call'd *Principals*, the latter *Accessories*. The first are like those stones in the basis of an Arch, which are able to support themselves, even when the Arch is destroyed; the latter are like those stones in its Summit or Curve, which can no longer stand, than while the whole subsists (e.)

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(e) *Appollonius of Alexandria* (one of the acutest Authors that ever wrote on the subject of Grammar) illustrates the different power of Words, by the different power of Letters. "Ετι, ὃν τρόπον τῶν σοιχείων τὰ μέν εἰς φωνήντα, ἀ καθ' εαυτὰ φωνὴν ἀποτελεῖ·

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Ch. III. § This Distinction being admitted, we thus pursue our Speculations. All things what-

τὰ δὲ σύμφωνα, ἀπερὸν ἀνευ τῶν Φωνηέλων εἰ ἔχει ῥητὴν τὴν ἐκφώνησιν. τὸν ἀντὸν τρόπον ἐσὶν ἐπινοῆσαι καὶ πὶ τῶν λεξεων. αἱ μὲν γὰρ ἀνίστηνται, τρόπον τινὰ τῶν Φωνηέντων, ῥηταὶ ἐισὶ καθάπερ ἐπὶ τῶν ῥημάτων, ὄνομάτων, ἀντωνυμιῶν, ἐπιρρημάτων——αἱ δὲ, ὡσπερὶ σύμφωνα, ἀναμένενται τὰ Φωνήεντα, εἰ δυνάμενα κατ' ιδίαν ῥητὰ εἶναι——καθάπερ ἐπὶ τῶν ὡροθέσεων, τῶν ἀρθρῶν, τῶν συνδέσμων· τὰ γὰρ τοιαῦτα ἀεὶ τῶν μορίων συστηματίνει. In the same manner, as of the Elements or Letters some are *Vowels*, which of themselves complete a Sound; others are *Consonants*, which without the help of *Vowels* have no express *Vocality*, so likewise may we conceive as to the nature of *Words*. Some of them, like *Vowels*, are of themselves expressive, as is the case of *Verbs*, *Nouns*, *Pronomouns*, and *Adverbs*; others, like *Consonants*, wait for their *Vowels*, being unable to become expressive by their own proper strength, as is the case of *Prepositions*, *Articles*, and *Conjunctions*; for those parts of Speech are always *Consignificant*, that is, are only significant, when associated to something else. Apollon. de Syntaxi. L. I. c. 3. *Itaque quibusdam philosophis placuit NOMEN & VEREUM SOLAS ESSE PARTES ORATIONIS; cætera vero, ADMINICULA vel JUNCTURAS earum: quomodo navium partes sunt tabulæ & trabes, cætera autem (id est, cera, stuppa, & clavi & similia) vincula & conglutinationes*

whatever either exist as the Energies, or Ch. III. Affections of some other thing, or without being the Energies or Affections of some other thing. If they exist as the Energies or Affections of something else, then are they called ATTRIBUTES. Thus to think is the attribute of a Man; to be white, of a Swan; to fly, of an Eagle; to be four-footed, of a Horse. If they exist not after this manner, then are they call'd SUBSTANCES*. Thus *Man*, *Swan*, *Eagle* and *Horse* are none of them Attributes, but all Substances, because however they may exist in Time and Place, yet neither of these, nor of any thing else do they exist as Energies or Affections.

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tiones partium navis, (hoc est, tabularum & trabium) non partes navis dicuntur. Prisc. L. IX. 913.

* SUBSTANCES] Thus Aristotle. Νῦν μὲν ἐν τύπῳ ἔισαν, τί ποτε ἐστὶν ή ἐσία, ὅτι τὸ μὴ καθ' ὑποκείμενος, ἀλλὰ καθ' ἐτὰ ἀλλα. Metaph. Z. γ. p. 106. Ed. Sylb.

Ch. III. AND thus all things whatsoever being either (f) *Substances* or *Attributes*, it follows of course that all Words, which are significant as *Principals*, must needs be significant of either the one or the other. If they are significant of *Substances*, they are call'd *Substantives*; if of *Attributes*, they are call'd *Attributives*. So that ALL WORDS whatsoever, significant as *Principals*, are either *SUBSTANTIVES* or *ATTRIBUTIVES*.

AGAIN, as to Words, which are only significant as *Accessories*, they acquire a Signification either from being associated to one *Word*, or else to many. If to one *Word alone*, then as they can do no more than in some manner *define* or *determine*, they may justly for that reason be called

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(f) This division of things into *Substance* and *Accident* seems to have been admitted by Philosophers of all Sects and Ages. See *Categor.* c. 2. *Metaphys.* L. VII. c. 1. *De Cœlo*, L. III. c. 1.

DEFINITIVES. If *too many Words at Ch. III.* once, then as they serve to no other purpose than *to connect*, they are called for that reason by the name of CONNECTIVES.

AND thus it is that all WORDS whatever are either *Principals* or *Accessories*; or under other Names, either *significant from themselves*, or *significant by relation*. —If *significant from themselves*, they are either *Substantives* or *Attributives*; if *significant by relation*, they are either *Definitives* or *Connectives*. So that under one of these four Species, SUBSTANTIVES, ATTRIBUTIVES, DEFINITIVES, and CONNECTIVES, are ALL WORDS, however different, in a manner included.

IF any of these Names seem new and unusual, we may introduce others more usual, by calling the *Substantives*, NOUNS; the *Attributives*, VERBS; the *Definitives*,

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Ch. III. ARTICLES; and the *Connectives, Con-*
—
JUNCTIONS.

SHOU'D it be ask'd, what then becomes of *Pronouns, Adverbs, Prepositions, and Interjections*; the answer is, either they must be found included within the Species above-mentioned, or else must be admitted for so many Species by themselves.

§ THERE were various opinions in ancient days, as to the *number* of these Parts, or Elements of Speech.

Plato in his* *Sophist* mentions only two, the *Noun* and the *Verb*. *Aristotle* mentions no more, where he treats of † *Propositions*. Not that those acute Philosophers were ignorant of the other Parts, but they spoke with reference to *Logic* or *Dia-*

* Tom. I. p. 261. Edit. Ser.

† *De Interpr.* c. 2 & 3.

Dialectic (g), considering the Essence of Ch. III. Speech as contained in these two, because ~~they~~ these alone combined make a perfect assertive Sentence, which none of the rest without them are able to effect. Hence therefore Aristotle in his * *treatise of Poetry* (where he was to lay down the elements of

(g) *Partes igitur orationis sunt secundum Dialecticos duæ, NOMEN & VERBUM; quia hæ solæ etiam per se conjunctæ plenam faciunt orationem; alias autem partes συναληγόμενα, hoc est, cōsignificantia appellabant.* Priscian. l. 2. p. 574. Edit. Putschii. *Existit hic quædam quæstio, cur duo tantum, NOMEÑ & VERBUM; se (Aristoteles sc.) determinare promittat, cum plures partes orationis esse videantur. Quibus hoc dicendum est, tantum Aristotelem hoc libro diffinisse, quantum illi ad id, quod instituerat tractare, sufficit. Tractat namque de simplici enuntiativa oratione, quæ scilicet hujusmodi est, ut junctis tantum Verbis & Nominibus componatur.—Quare superfluum est quærere, cur alias quoque, quæ videntur orationis partes, non proposuerit, qui non totius simpliciter orationis, sed tantum simplicis orationis instituit elementa partiri.* Boetius in Libr. de Interpretat. p. 295. *Apollonius from the above principles elegantly calls the NOUN and VERB, τὰ ἐμψυχέατα μέρη τῆς λόγου, the most animated parts of Speech.* De Syntaxi l. 1. c. 3; p. 24. See also Plutarch. Quæst. Platon. p. 1009.

* Poet. Cap. 20.

Ch. III. of a more variegated speech) adds the *Article* and *Conjunction* to the Noun and Verb, and so adopts the same Parts, with those established in this Treatise. To Aristotle's authority (if indeed better can be required) may be added that also of the elder Stoics (h).

THE latter Stoics instead of four Parts made five, by dividing the Noun into the *Appellative*, and *Proper*. Others increased the number, by detaching the *Pronoun* from the Noun; the *Participle* and *Adverb* from the Verb; and the *Preposition* from the *Conjunction*. The *Latin Grammarians* went farther, and detached the *Interjection* from the Adverb, within which by the *Greeks* it was always included, as a Species.

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(h) For this we have the authority of *Dionysius of Halicarnassus*, *De Struct. Orat. Sect. 2.* whom *Quintilian* follows, *Inst. l. 1. c. 4.* *Diogenes Laertius* and *Priscian* make them always to have admitted five Parts. See *Priscian*, as before, and *Laertius*, *Lib. VII. Segm. 57.*

WE are told indeed by (i) *Dionysius of Ch. III. Halicarnassus* and *Quintilian*, that *Aristotle*, ~~and~~ with *Theodectes*, and the more early writers, held but *three Parts* of speech, the *Noun*, the *Verb*, and the *Conjunction*. This, it must be owned, accords with the oriental Tongues, whose Grammars (we are (k) told) admit no other. But as to *Aristotle*, we have his own authority to assert the contrary, who not only enumerates the *four Species* which we have adopted, but ascertains them each by a proper Definition *.

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(i) See the places quoted in the note immediately preceding.

(k) *Antiquissima eorum est opinio, qui tres classes faciunt. Estque hæc Arabum quoque sententia—Hebræi quoque (qui, cum Arabes Grammaticam scribere desinerent, artem eam demum scribere cœperunt, quod ante annos contigit circiter quadringentos) Hebræi, inquam hac in re secuti sunt magistros suos Arabes.—Immo vero trium classum numerum aliæ etiam Orientis linguae retinent. Dubium, utrum eâ in re Orientales imitati sunt antiquos Græcorum, an hi potius secuti sunt Orientalium exemplum. Utat est, etiam veteres Græcos tres tantum partes agnovisse, non solum auctor est *Dionysius*, &c. Voss. de Analog. l. 1. c. 1. See also *Sancti Minerv.* l. 1. c. 2.*

* Sup. p. 34.

Ch. III. To conclude—the Subject of the following Chapters will be a distinct and separate consideration of the NOUN, the VERB, the ARTICLE, and the CONJUNCTION; which four, the better (as we apprehend) to express their respective natures, we chuse to call SUBSTANTIVES, ATTRIBUTIVES, DEFINITIVES and CONNECTIVES.

C H A P. IV.

Concerning Substantives, properly so called.

SUBSTANTIVES are *all those principal* Ch.IV. *Words, which are significant of Sub-* ~~stances~~, *considered as Substances.*

THE first sort of *Substances* are the NATURAL, such as Animal, Vegetable, Man, Oak.

THERE are other Substances *of our own making.* Thus by giving a Figure *not natural to natural Materials* we create such Substances, as House, Ship, Watch, Telescope, &c.

AGAIN, by a *more refined operation of our Mind alone*, we abstract any Attribute from its necessary subject, and consider it apart, devoid of its dependence. For example, from Body we abstract to Fly; from Sur-

Ch.IV. face, the being *White*; from Soul, the ~~be-~~
 ing *Temperate*.

AND thus it is we convert even *Attributes* into *Substances*, denoting them on this occasion by proper *Substantives*, such as *Flight*, *Whiteness*, *Temperance*; or else by others more general, such as *Motion*, *Colour*, *Virtue*. These we call **ABSTRACT SUBSTANCES**; the second sort we call **ARTIFICIAL**.

Now all those several Substances have their *Genus*, their *Species*, and their *Individuals*. For example in *natural Substances*, *Animal* is a *Genus*; *Man*, a *Species*; *Alexander*, an *Individual*. In *artificial Substances*, *Edifice* is a *Genus*; *Palace*, a *Species*; *the Vatican*, an *Individual*. In *abstract Substances*, *Motion* is a *Genus*; *Flight*, a *Species*; *this Flight* or *that Flight* are *Individuals*.

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As therefore every (*a*) GENUS may be Ch.IV. found *whole and intire in each one of its* ~~—~~ *Species*; (for thus Man, Horse, and Dog are each of them distinctly a complete and intire Animal) and as every SPECIES may be found *whole and intire in each one of its Individuals*; (for thus Socrates, Plato, and Xenophon are each of them completely and distinctly *a Man*) hence it is, that every Genus, tho' ONE, is multiplied into MANY; and every Species, tho' ONE, is also multiplied into MANY, by *reference to those beings, which are their proper subordinates*. Since then *no Individual has any such Subordinates*, it can never in strictness be considered as MANY, and so is truly an INDIVIDUAL as well in *Nature* as in *Name*.

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(*a*) This is what *Plato* seems to have expressed in a manner somewhat mysterious, when he talks of *μίαν ἴδεαν διὰ τολλῶν, ἐνὸς ἐκάστης κειμένης χωρὶς, πάντη διατεταμένην—καὶ τολλὰς, ἐτέρας ἀλλήλων, ὑπὸ μιᾶς ἔχουσαν τερεχομένας*. *Sophist.* p 253. *Edit. Serrani.* For the common definition of Genus and Species, see the *Isagoge* or *Introduction of Porphyry to Aristotle's Logic*,

Ch.IV. FROM these Principles it is, that *Words* following the nature and genius of *Things*, such *Substantives* admit of *NUMBER* as denote *Genera* or *Species*, while those, which denote (b) Individuals, in strictness admit it not.

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(b) Yet sometimes *Individuals* have plurality or *Number*, from the causes following. In the first place the Individuals of the human race are so large a multitude even in the smallest nation, that it would be difficult to invent a new Name for every new born Individual. Hence then instead of *one* only being call'd *Marcus*, and *one* only *Antonius*, it happens that *many* are called *Marcus* and *many* called *Antonius*; and thus 'tis the *Romans* had their Plurals, *Marci* and *Antonii*, as we in later days have our *Marks* and our *Anthonies*. Now the Plurals of this sort may be well called *accidental*, because it is meerly by chance that the Names coincide.

There seems more reason for such Plurals, as the *Ptolemies*, *Scipios*, *Catos*, &c (to instance in modern names) the *Howards*, *Pelhams*, and *Montagues*; because a *Race* or *Family* is like a *smaller sort of Species*; so that the *family Name* extends to the *Kindred*, as the *specific Name* extends to the *Individuals*.

A third cause which contributed to make proper Names become Plural, was the *high Character* or *Eminence* of some one Individual, whose Name became afterwards a kind of *common Appellative*, to denote all those,

BESIDES Number, another character- Ch.IV.
istic, visible in Substances, is that of SEX. Every Substance is either *Male* or *Female* ; or both *Male* and *Female* ; or neither one nor the other. So that with respect to Sexes and their *Negation*, all Substances conceivable are comprehended under this *fourfold* consideration.

Now the existence of *Hermaphrodites* being rare, if not doubtful ; hence Language, only regarding those distinctions which

those, who had pretensions to merit in the same way, Thus every great *Critic* was call'd an *Aristarchus* ; every great *Warrior*, an *Alexander* ; every great *Beauty*, a *Helen*, &c.

A DANIEL come to Judgment ! yea a DANIEL,
cries *Shylock* in the Play, when he would express the wisdom of the young Lawyer.

So *Martial* in that well known verse,

Sint MÆCENATES, non deerunt, Flacce, MARONES.

So *Lucilius*,

ΑΙΓΙΛΙΠΟΙ montes, ΑΞΗΝΑΣ omnes, asperi ATHONES.

πόσοι ΦΑΕΘΟΝΤΕΣ, οἱ ΔΕΤΚΑΛΙΩΝΕΣ. Lucian in *Timon.* T. I. p. 108.

Ch.IV. which are more obvious, considers *Words*
 denoting *Substances* to be either **MASCULINE**, **FEMININE**, or **NEUTER** *.

As to our own Species and all those animal Species, which *have reference to common Life*, or of which the Male and the Female, by their size, form, colour, &c. are *eminently distinguished*, most Languages have different Substantives, to denote the Male and the Female. But as to those animal Species, which either *less frequently occur*, or of which one Sex is *less apparently distinguished* from the other, in these a single Substantive commonly serves for both Sexes.

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* After this manner they are distinguished by *Aristote.* Τῶν ὄντων τὰ μὲν ἄρρενα, τὰ δὲ θῆλεα, τὰ δὲ μεταξύ. Poet. cap. 21. *Protagoras* before him had established the same Distinction, calling them ἄρρενα, θῆλεα, καὶ σκέυη. Aristot. Rhet. L. III. c. 5. Where mark what were afterwards called ἔδιτερα, or Neuters, were by these called τὰ μεταξύ καὶ σκέυη.

† IN the *English Tongue* it seems a general rule (except only when infringed by a figure of Speech) that no Substantive is *Masculine*, but what denotes a *Male animal Substance*; none *Feminine*, but what denotes a *Female animal Substance*; and that where the Substance *has no Sex*, the Substantive is always *Neuter*.

BUT 'tis not so in *Greek*, *Latin*, and many of the *modern Tongues*. These all of them have Words, some masculine, some feminine (and those too in great multitudes) which have reference to Substances, where Sex never had existence. To give one instance for many. *MIND* is surely neither male, nor female; yet is *ΝΟΥΣ*, in *Greek*, masculine, and *MENS*, in *Latin*, feminine.

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† *Nam quicquid per Naturam Sexui non adsignatur, neutrum haberi operteret, sed id Ars &c.* Consent. apud Putsch. p. 2023, 2024.

The whole Passage from *Genera Hominum, quæ naturalia sunt &c.* is worth perusing.

Ch.IV. In some Words these distinctions seem
 ~~~ owing to nothing else, than to the mere  
 casual structure of the Word itself: It is  
 of such a Gender, from having such a  
 Termination; or from belonging perhaps  
 to such a Declension. In others we may  
 imagine a more subtle kind of reasoning, a  
 reasoning which discerns even *in things*  
*without Sex* a distant analogy to that great  
 NATURAL DISTINCTION, *which* (according  
 to Milton) *animates the World* ‡.

In this view we may conceive such SUB-  
 STANTIVES to have been considered, as  
 MASCULINE, which were “conspicuous  
 “ for the Attributes of imparting or com-  
 “ municating; or which were by nature  
 “ active, strong, and efficacious, and that  
 “ indiscriminately whether to good or to  
 “ ill; or which had claim to Eminence,  
 “ either laudable or otherwise.”

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‡ Mr. *Linnæus*, the celebrated Botanist, has traced  
 the *Distinction of Sexes* throughout the whole *Vegetable*  
*World*, and made it the Basis of his Botanic Method.

THE FEMININE on the contrary were Ch.IV.  
" such, as were conspicuous for the At- —  
" tributes either of receiving, of contain-  
" ing, or of producing and bringing forth;  
" or which had more of the passive in  
" their nature, than of the active; or  
" which were peculiarly beautiful and  
" amiable; or which had respect to such  
" Excesses, as were rather Feminine, than  
" Masculine."

UPON these Principles the two greater Luminaries were considered, one as Masculine, the other as Feminine; the SUN (*Hλις, Sol*) as *Masculine*, from communicating Light, which was native and original, as well as from the vigorous warmth and efficacy of his Rays; the Moon (*Σελήνη, Luna*) as *Feminine*, from being the Receptacle only of another's Light, and from shining with rays more delicate and soft.

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Ch. IV. *Thus Milton,*

*First in his East the glorious Lamp was seen,  
Regent of Day, and all th' Horizon round  
Invested with bright rays; jocund to run  
His longitude thro' Heav'ns high road:  
the gray*

*Dawn, and the Pleiades before him danc'd,  
Shedding sweet influence. Less bright the  
Moon*

*But opposite, in levell'd West was set,  
His mirrour, with full face borrowing her  
Light*

*From him; for other light she needed none.*

P. L. VII. 370.

By Virgil they were considered as *Brother* and *Sister*, which still preserves the same distinction.

*Nec FRATRIS radiis obnoxia surgere LUNA.*

G. I. 396.

THE SKY or ETHER is in Greek and Latin *Masculine*, as being the source of those showers, which impregnate the Earth.

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\* The EARTH on the contrary is universally Feminine, from being the grand Receiver, the grand Container, but above all from being the Mother (either mediately or immediately) of every sublunary Substance, whether animal or vegetable.

THUS Virgil,

*Tum PATER OMNIPOTENS fœcundis im-  
bribus ÆTHER  
CONJUGIS in gremium LÆTÆ descendit,  
& omnes  
Magnus alit magno commixtus corpore fœtus.*

G. II. 325.

THUS Shakespear,

—‡ COMMON MOTHER, Thou  
Whose Womb unmeasurable, and infinite  
Breast  
Teems and feeds all— Tim. of Athens.

So Milton,

Whatever Earth, ALL-BEARING MOTHER,  
yields.

P. L. V.

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\* Senecæ Nat. Quæst. III. 14.

‡ Παμμῆτος γῆ χαῖρε— Græc. Anth. p. 281.

Ch. IV. So *Virgil*,

*Non jam MATER alit TELLUS, viresque  
ministrat (c).*      *Æn. XI. 71.*

AMONG *artificial* Substances the SHIP (*Ναῦς, Navis*) is *feminine*, as being so eminently a *Receiver* and *Container* of various things, of Men, Arms, Provisions, Goods, &c. Hence Sailors, speaking of their Vessel, say always, “ SHE *rides at anchor*,” “ SHE *is under sail*.”

A CITY (*Πόλις, Civitas*) and a COUNTRY (*Πάτρις, Patria*) are *feminine* also, by being (like the Ship) *Containers* and *Receivers*, and farther by being as it were the *Mothers* and *Nurses* of their respective Inhabitants.

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(c) —διὸ καὶ ἐν τῷ ὅλῳ τὴν ΓΗΣ Φύσιν, ὡς ΘΗΛΥ  
καὶ ΜΗΤΕΡΑ νομίζεσσιν. ΟΤΡΑΝΟΝ δὲ καὶ ΗΛΙΟΝ,  
καὶ ἐι τι τῶν ἄλλων τῶν τοιετῶν, ὡς ΓΕΝΩΝΤΑΣ καὶ  
ΠΑΤΕΡΑΣ προσαγορεύεται. Arist. de Gener. Anim.  
l. 1. c. 2.

THUS Virgil,

Ch. IV.

Salve, MAGNA PARENTS FRUGUM, Satur-  
nia Tellus,

MAGNA VIRUM— Geor. II. 173.

So, in that Heroic Epigram on those  
brave Greeks, who fell at Chæronea,Γαῖα δὲ Πάτρις ἔχει κόλποις τῶν πλεῖστα κα-  
μόντων

Σώματα—

Their PARENT COUNTRY in HER bosom  
holds

Their wearied bodies.—\*

So Milton,

The City, which Thou seest, no other deem  
Than great and glorious Rome, QUEEN of  
the Earth. Par. Reg. L. IV.As to the OCEAN, tho' from its being  
the Receiver of all Rivers, as well as the  
Container

\* Demost. in Orat. de Coronâ.

Ch.IV. *Container and Productress of so many Vegetables and Animals*, it might justly have been made (like the Earth) *Feminine*; yet its *deep Voice and boisterous Nature* have, in spight of these reasons, prevailed to make it *Male*. Indeed the very sound of *Homer's*

μέγα σθένος Ωκεανοῖο,

would suggest to a hearer, even ignorant of its meaning, that the Subject was incompatible with *female delicacy and softness*.

TIME (Χρόνος) from his mighty *Efficacy upon every thing around us*, is by the Greeks and English justly considered as *Masculine*. Thus in that elegant distich, spoken by a decrepit old Man,

\* Ο γὰρ Χρόνος μὲν ἔκαμψε, τέλων καὶ σοφὸς,  
"Απαντά δὲ ἐργαζόμενος ἀσθενέστερα †.

Me TIME hath bent, that sorry Artist, he  
That surely makes, whate'er he handles,  
worse.

So

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\* Ω Χρόνε, παντοίων θυηλῶν πανεπίσκοπε Δαιμόν.  
Græc. Anth. p. 290.

† Stob. Ecl. p. 591.

So too *Shakespear*, speaking likewise of Ch. IV.  
TIME,

Orl. *Whom doth HE gallop withal?*

Rof. *With a thief to the gallows.*—

As you like it.

THE Greek Θάνατος or Αἰδης and the English DEATH, seem from the same irresistible Power to have been considered as *Masculine*. Even the Vulgar with us are so accustomed to this notion, that a FEMALE DEATH they would treat as ridiculous (d).

TAKE a few Examples of the masculine Death.

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(d) Well therefore did *Milton* in his *Paradise Lost* not only adopt DEATH as a *Person*, but consider him as *Masculine*: in which he was so far from introducing a Phantom of his own, or from giving it a *Gender not supported by Custom*; that perhaps he had as much the *Sanction of national Opinion* for his *Masculine Death*, as the ancient Poets had for many of their Deities.

Ch.IV. *Callimachus* upon the Elegies of his Friend *Heraclitus*—

‘Αι δὲ τεαὶ ζώσιν αἰδούες, ησιν δὲ πάντων  
‘Αρπάκηηρ Ἀιδης όν επὶ χεῖρα βαλεῖ.

—yet thy sweet warbling strains  
Still live immortal, nor on them shall DEATH  
His hand e'er lay, tho' Ravager of all.

IN the *Alcestis* of *Euripides*, Θάνατος or DEATH is one of the Persons of the drama; the beginning of the play is made up of dialogue between *Him* and *Apollo*; and towards its end, there is a fight between *Him* and *Hercules*, in which *Hercules* is conqueror, and rescues *Alcestis* from his hands.

IT is well known too, that SLEEP and DEATH are made Brothers by *Homer*. It was to this old *Gorgias* elegantly alluded, when at the extremity of a long life he lay slumbering on his Death-bed. A Friend asked him, “How he did?”—

“SLEEP

“ SLEEP (replied the old Man) is just upon Ch. IV.  
 “ delivering me over to the care of his brother  
 “ BROTHER (e).”

THUS Shakespear, speaking of Life,  
 —merely Thou art Death’s Fool;  
 For HIM Thou labour’st by thy flight to  
 shun,  
 And yet run’st towards HIM still.  
 Meaf. for Meaf.

So Milton,

Dire was the tossing, deep the groans;  
 Despair  
 Tended the sick, busiest from couch to couch:  
 And over them triumphant DEATH HIS  
 dart  
 Shook; but delay’d to strike—

P. L. XI. 489 (f).

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(e) Ἡδη με ο τηνος ἀρχεται παρακατατιθεσθαι ΤΑΔΕΛΦΩΙ. Stob. Ecl. p. 600.

(f) Suppose in any one of these examples we introduce a female Death; suppose we read,

Ch,IV. THE supreme Being (GOD, Θεὸς, *Deus*, ~~Dieu~~, &c.) is in all languages *Masculine*, in as much as the masculine Sex is the superior and more excellent; and as He is the Creator of all, the Father of Gods and Men. Sometimes indeed we meet with such words as Τὸ Πρῶτον, Τὸ Θεῖον, *Numen*, *DEITY* (which last we *English* join to a neuter, saying *Deity itself*) sometimes I say we meet with these *Neuters*. The reason in these instances seems to be, that as GOD is prior to all things, both in dignity and in time, this Priority is better characterized and express by a *Negation*, than by any of those Distinctions which are *co-ordinate with some Opposite*, as Male for

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*And over them triumphant Death HER dart  
Shook, &c.*

What a falling off? How are the nerves and strength of the whole Sentiment weakened?

for example is co-ordinate with Female, Ch.IV.  
Right with Left, &c. &c. (g).

VIRTUE (*Ἀρετὴ, Virtus*) as well as most of its Species are all *Feminine*, perhaps from their Beauty and amiable Appearance, which are not without effect even upon the most reprobate and corrupt.

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(g) Thus *Ammonius*, speaking on the same Subject — ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΟΝ λέγομεν, ἐφ' ᾧ μὴ δὲ τῶν διὰ μυθολογίας ωραδόντων ἡμῖν τὰς θεολογίας ἐτόλμησέ τις ἢ ἀρρένωπὸν, ἢ θυληπρετῆ (lege θηλυπρεπῆ) διαμόρφωσιν φέρειν· ἢ τῦτο ἐικότως· τῷ μὲν γὰρ ἀρρένι τὸ θῆλυ σύσοιχον· τὸ (lege τῷ) δὲ ΠΑΝΤΗΙ ΑΠΛΩΣ ΑΙΤΙΩΙ σύσοιχον γένεν. ἀλλὰ καὶ ὅταν ἀρσενικῶς ΤΟΝ ΘΕΟΝ ὀνομάζομεν, [πρὸς] τὸ σεμιότερον τῶν γενῶν τῷ ὑφειμένῳ ωροτιμῶντες, ἔτως αὐτὸν ωροσαγορέουμεν. PRIMUM dicimus, quod nemo etiam eorum, qui theologiae nobis fabularum integumentis obvolutam tradiderunt, vel maris vel fœminæ specie singere ausus est: idque merito: conjugatum enim mari fœmininum est. CAUSÆ autem omnino ABSOLUTÆ AC SIMPLICI nihil est conjugatum. Immo vero cum DEUM masculino genere appellamus, ita ipsum nominamus, genus præstantius submissò atque humili præferentes. Ammon. in Lib. de Interpr. p. 30. b.—ι γὰρ ἐναντίον τῷ Πρώτῳ εἴδιν. Aristot. Metaph. A. p. 210. Sylb.

Ch. IV. ——*abash'd the Devil stood,  
And felt, how awful Goodness is, and saw  
VIRTUE in her shape how lovely; saw,  
and pin'd  
His loss—*

P. L. IV. 846.

THIS being allowed, VICE (*Kaxia*) becomes Feminine of course, as being, in the *συσοιχία* or Co-ordination of things, Virtue's natural Opposite (*h*).

THE Fancies, Caprices, and fickle Changes of FORTUNE would appear but awkwardly under a Character, that was Male: but taken together they make a very

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(b) They are both represented as *Females* by *Xenophon*, in the celebrated Story of *Hercules*, taken from *Prodicus*, See *Memorab.* L. II. c. 1. As to the *συσοιχία* here mentioned, thus *Varro*.—*Pythagoras Samius ait omnium rerum initia esse bina: ut finitum & infinitum, bonum & malum, vitam & mortem, diem & noctem.* *De Ling. Lat.* L. IV. See also *Arist. Metaph.* L. I. c. 5. and *Ecclesiasticus*, Chap. lxii. ver. 24.

very natural *Female*, which has no small Ch.IV. resemblance to the Coquette of a modern Comedy, bestowing, withdrawing, and shifting her favours, as different Beaus succeed to her good graces.

*Transmutat incertos honores,  
Nunc mihi, nunc alii benigna.* Hor.

WHY the FURIES were made *Female*, is not so easy to explain, unless it be that female Passions of all kinds were considered as susceptible of greater excess, than male Passions; and that the *Furies* were to be represented, as Things superlatively outrageous.

*Talibus Alecto dictis exarsit in iras.  
At Juveni oranti subitus tremor occupat  
artus:*

*Diriguere oculi: tot Erinnys sibilat Hy-  
dris,*

*Tantaque se facies aperit: tum flammea  
torquens*

*Lumina*

Ch.IV. *Lumina cunctantem & quærentem dicere  
plura*  
*Reppulit, & geminos erexit crinibus an-  
gues,*  
*Verberaque insonuit, rabidoque hæc ad-  
didit ore :*  
*En! Ego victa situ, &c.*

Æn. VII. 455 (i).

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(i) The Words above mentioned, *Time*, *Death*, *Fortune*, *Virtue*, &c. in *Greek*, *Latin*, *French*, and most modern Languages, though they are diversified with Genders in the manner described, yet never vary the Gender, which they have once acquired, except in a few instances, where the Gender is doubtful. We cannot say *ἡ ἀρετὴ* or *ἡ ἀρετὴν*, *hæc Virtus* or *hic Virtus*, *la Vertu* or *le Vertu*, and so of the rest. But it is otherwise in *English*. We in our own language say, *Virtue* is *its* own Reward, or *Virtue* is *her* own Reward ; *Time* maintains *its* wonted Pace, or *Time* maintains *his* wonted Pace.

There is a singular advantage in this liberty, as it enables us to mark, with a peculiar force, the Distinction between the severe or *Logical* Stile, and the ornamental or *Rhetorical*. For thus when we speak of the above Words, and of all others naturally devoid of Sex,

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HE, that would see more on this Sub- Ch.IV.  
ject, may consult *Ammonius the Peripate-  
tic*

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as *Neuters*, we speak of them *as they are*, and as becomes a *logical* Inquiry. When we give them *Sex*, by making them *Masculine* or *Feminine*, they are from thenceforth *personified*; are a kind of *intelligent Beings*, and become, as such, the proper ornaments either of *Rhetoric* or of *Poetry*.

Thus *Milton*,

—*The Thunder*  
*Wing'd with red light'ning and impetuous rage,*  
*Perhaps hath spent his shafts* — P. L. I. 174.

The Poet, having just before called the *Hail*, and *Thunder*, God's *Ministers of Vengeance*, and so personified them, had he afterwards said *its Shafts* for *his Shafts*, would have destroyed his own Image, and approached withal so much nearer to Prose.

The following Passage is from the same Poem.

*Should intermitted Vengeance arm again*  
*His red right hand* — P. L. II. 174.

In this Place *His Hand* is clearly preferable either to *Her's* or *Its*, by immediately referring us to *God himself* the Avenger.

Ch. IV. tic in his Commentary on the Treatise *de Interpretatione*, where the Subject is treated at large with respect to the Greek Tongue. We shall only observe, that as all such Speculations are at best but Conjectures, they should therefore be received with

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I shall only give one instance more, and quit this Subject.

*At his command th' up-rooted Hills retir'd  
Each to his place : they heard his voice and went  
Obsequious : Heav'n his wonted face renew'd,  
And with fresh flourets Hill and Valley smil'd.*

P. L. VI.

See also ver. 54, 55, of the same Book.

Here all things are personified ; the Hills *bear*, the Valleys *smile*, and the *Face* of Heaven is renewed. Suppose then the Poet had been necessitated by the laws of his Language to have said—*Each Hill retir'd to its Place—Heaven renewed its wonted face*—how prosaic and lifeless would these Neuters have appeared ; how detrimental to the *Prosopopeia*, which he was aiming to establish ? In this therefore he was happy, that the Language, in which he wrote, imposed no such necessity ; and he was too wise a Writer, to impose it on himself. It were to be wished, his Correctors had been as wise on their parts.

with candour, rather than scrutinized Ch.IV. with rigour. *Varro's* words on a Subject near akin are for their aptness and elegance well worth attending. *Non mediocres enim tenebræ in silvâ, ubi hæc captanda; neque eò, quò pervenire volumus, semitæ tritæ; neque non in tramitibus quædam objecta, quæ euntēm retinere possunt* \*.

To conclude this Chapter. We may collect, from what has been said, that both NUMBER and GENDER appertain to WORDS, because in the first place they appertain to THINGS; that is to say, because Substances are Many, and have either Sex, or no Sex; therefore Substantives have Number, and are Masculine, Feminine, or Neuter. There is however this difference between the two Attributes: NUMBER in strictness descends no lower, than

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\* *De Ling. Lat. L.IV.*

**Ch. IV. to the last Rank of Species (k): GENDER**  
on the contrary stops not here, but de-  
scends to *every Individual*, however diver-  
sified. And so much for SUBSTANTIVES,  
PROPERLY SO CALLED.

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(k) The reason, why *Number* goes no lower, is,  
that it does not naturally appertain to *Individuals*; the  
cause of which see before, p. 39.

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## C H A P. V.

*Concerning Substantives of the Secondary Order.*

WE are now to proceed to a ~~SECOND~~ Ch. V.  
DARY RACE of SUBSTANTIVES, ~~SECOND~~  
a Race quite different from any already  
mentioned, and whose Nature may be ex-  
plained in the following manner.

EVERY Object, which presents itself to the Senses or the Intellect, is either then perceived for the *first time*, or else is recognized, as having been perceived *before*. In the former case it is called an Object *τῆς πρώτης γνώσεως*, of the *first knowledge* or *acquaintance* (a); in the lat-  
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(a) See *Apoll. de Syntaxi*, l. 1. c. 16. p. 49. l. 2. c. 3. p. 103 Thus *Priscian*—*Interest autem inter demonstrationem & relationem hoc; quod demonstratio, interrogacioni redditia, Primam Cognitionem offendit;*  
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Ch. V. ter it is called an Object  $\tauῆς δευτέρας γνώ-$   
~~σεως~~  
 of the second knowledge or acquaintance.

Now as all Conversation passes between *Particulars* or *Individuals*, these will often happen to be reciprocally Objects  $\tauῆς ἀρώ-$   
 $\tauῆς γνώσεως$ , that is to say, till that instant unacquainted with each other. What then is to be done? How shall the Speaker address the other, when he knows not his Name? or how explain himself by his own Name, of which the other is wholly ignorant? Nouns, as they have been described, cannot answer the purpose. The first expedient upon this occasion seems to have been  $\Deltaεῖξις$ , that is, *Pointing*, or *Indication by the Finger or Hand*, some traces of which are still to be observed, as a part of that Action, which naturally attends our speaking. But the Authors of Language were

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Quis fecit? Ego: *relatio vero Secundam Cognitionem significat, ut, Is, de quo jam dixi. Lib. XII. p. 936. Edit. Putschii.*

were not content with this. They invented a race of *Words* to supply this ~~Pointing~~ <sup>Ch. V.</sup> Pointing; which Words, as they always stood for Substantives or Nouns, were characterized by the Name of Ἀντωνυμίαι, or PRONOUNS (b). These also they distinguished into three several sorts, calling them *Pronouns* of the *First*, the *Second*, and the *Third Person*, with a view to certain distinctions, which may be explained as follows.

SUPPOSE the Parties conversing to be wholly unacquainted, neither Name nor Countenance on either side known, and the

(b) Ἐκεῖνο δν Ἀντωνυμία, τὸ μετὰ ΔΕΙΞΕΩΣ ἀναφορᾶς 'ANTONOMAZOMENON. Apoll. de Synt. L. II. c. 5. p. 106. Priscian seems to consider them so peculiarly destined to the expression of *Individuals*, that he does not say they supply the place of any Noun, but that of the *proper Name* only. And this undoubtedly was their original, and still is their true and natural use. PRONOMEN est pars orationis, quæ pro nomine proprio uniuscujusque accipitur. Prisc. L. XII. See also Apoll. L. II. c. 9. p. 117, 118.

Ch. V. the Subject of the Conversation to be *the Speaker himself*. Here, to supply the place of Pointing by a Word of *equal* Power, they furnished the Speaker with the *Pronoun*, I. *I write, I say, I desire, &c.* and as the Speaker is always principal with respect to his own discourse, this they called for that reason *the Pronoun of the First Person.*

AGAIN, suppose the Subject of the Conversation to be *the Party addrest*. Here for similar reasons they invented the *Pronoun*, THOU. *Thou writeſt, Thou walkeſt, &c.* and as the Party addrest is next in dignity to the Speaker, or at least comes next with reference to the discourse ; this Pronoun they therefore called *the Pronoun of the Second Person.*

LASTLY, suppose the Subject of Conversation neither the Speaker, nor the Party addrest, but *some third Object, different from both.* Here they provided another *Pronoun*, HE, SHE, or IT, which in

in distinction to the two former was called Ch. V.  
*the Pronoun of the Third Person.*

AND thus it was that *Pronouns* came to be distinguished by their respective PERSONS (c).

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(c) The Description of the different PERSONS here given is taken from *Priscian*, who took it from *Apollo-nius*. *Personæ Pronominum sunt tres*; *prima, secunda, tertia*. *Prima est, cum ipsa, quæ loquitur, de se pronun-tiat*; *Secunda, cum de eâ pronunciat*, ad quam directo sermone loquitur; *Tertia, cum de eâ, quæ nec loqui-tur, nec ad se directum accipit Sermonem*. L. XII. p. 940. *Theodore Gaza* gives the same Distinctions. Πρῶτον (ωρίσωπον sc.) ὃς ῥεπὶ ξαῦλος φράζει ὁ λέγων· δεύτερον, ὃς ῥεπὶ τῷ, ὡρὸς ὃν ὁ λόγος· τρίτον, ὃς ῥεγῇ ἔτερος. *Gaz. Gram.* L. IV. p. 152.

This account of *Persons* is far preferable to the common one, which makes the First the *Speaker*; the Second, the *Party addrest*; and the Third, the *Subject*. For tho' the First and Second be as commonly described, one the *Speaker*, the other the *Party addrest*; yet till they become *Subjects of the discourse*, they have no existence. Again as to the Third Person's being the *Subject*, this is a character, which it *shares in common* with

Ch. V. As to NUMBER, the Pronoun of each Person has it: (I) has the plural (WE), because

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with both the other Persons, and which can never therefore be called a peculiarity of its own. To explain by an instance or two. When *Eneas* begins the narrative of his adventures, *the second Person* immediately appears, because he makes *Dido*, whom he *addresses*, the immediate subject of his Discourse.

*Infandum, Regina, jubes, renovare dolorem.*

From hence forward for 1500 Verses (tho' she be all that time the party address'd) we hear nothing farther of this *Second Person*, a variety of other Subjects filling up the Narrative.

In the mean time the *First Person* may be seen every where, because the *Speaker* every where is himself the *Subject*. They were indeed Events, as he says himself,

—*queque ipse miserrima vidi,*  
*Et quorum pars magna fui*—

Not that the Second Person does not often occur in the course of this Narrative; but then it is always by a Figure of Speech, when those, who by their absence are in fact so many Third Persons, are converted into Second

because there may be many Speakers at Ch. V. once of the same Sentiment; as well as one, who, including himself, speaks the Sentiment of many, (Thou) has the plural (you), because a Speech may be spoken to many, as well as to one. (He) has the plural (they) because the Subject of discourse is often many at once.

BUT tho' all these Pronouns have *Number*, it does not appear either in *Greek*, or *Latin*, or any modern Language, that those of the first and second Person carry the distinctions of *SEX*. The reason seems

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cond Persons by being introduced as *present*. The *real* Second Person (*Dido*) is never once hinted.

Thus far as to *Virgil*. But when we read *Euclid*, we find neither *First Person*, nor *Second* in any part of the whole Work. The reason is, that neither Speaker nor Party address (in which light we may always view the Writer and his Reader) can possibly become the Subject of pure Mathematics, nor indeed can any thing else, except abstract Quantity, which neither speaks itself, nor is spoken to by another.

Ch. V. to be, that the Speaker and Hearer being generally present to each other, it would have been superfluous to have marked a distinction by Art, which from Nature and even Dress was commonly (*d*) apparent on both sides. But this does not hold with respect to the third Person, of whose Character and Distinctions, (including Sex among the rest) we often know no more, then what we learn from the discourse. And hence it is that in most Languages *the third Person* has its *Genders*, and that even *English* (which allows its Adjectives no Genders at all) has in this Pronoun the triple (*e*) distinction of *He*, *She*, and *It*.

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(*d*) *Demonstratio ipsa secum genus ostendit.* Priscian. L. XII. p. 942. See *Apoll. de Syntax.* L. II. c. 7. p. 109.

(*e*) The Utility of this Distinction may be better found in supposing it away. Suppose for example we should read in history these words—*He caused him*

HENCE too we see the reason why *a Ch. V.*  
*single Pronoun (f)* to each Person, an *I* ~~—~~  
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*to destroy him*—and that we were to be informed the [He], which is here thrice repeated, stood each time for something different, that is to say, for a Man, for a Woman, and for a City, whose Names were *Alexander*, *Thais*, and *Persepolis*. Taking the Pronoun in this manner, divested of its Genders, how would it appear, which was destroyed ; which was the destroyer ; and which the cause, that moved to the destruction ? But there are not such doubts, when we hear the Genders distinguished ; when instead of the ambiguous Sentence, *He caused him to destroy him*, we are told with the proper distinctions, that *SHE caused HIM to destroy IT*. Then we know with certainty, what before we could not : that the Promoter was the Woman ; that her Instrument was the Hero ; and that the Subject of their Cruelty was the unfortunate City.

(f) *Quæritur tamen cur prima quidem Persona & secunda singula Pronomina habeant, tertiam vero sex diversæ indicent voces ? Ad quod respondendum est, quod prima quidem & secunda Persona ideo non egent diversis vocibus, quod semper præsentes inter se sunt, & demonstratiæ ; tertia vero Persona modo demonstrativa est, ut, Hic, Iste ; modo relativa, ut *Is*, *Ipse*, &c.* Priscian. L. XII. p. 933.

Ch. V. to the *First*, and a *Thou* to the *Second*, are abundantly sufficient to all the purposes of Speech. But it is not so with respect to the *Third Person*. The various relations of the various Objects exhibited by this (I mean relations of near and distant, present and absent, same and different, definite and indefinite, &c.) made it necessary that here there should not be one, but *many* Pronouns, such as *He*, *This*, *That*, *Other*, *Any*, *Some*, &c.

IT must be confess indeed, that all these Words do not always appear as *Pronouns*. When they stand by themselves, and represent some Noun, (as when we say, *THIS is Virtue*, or  $\deltaει\eta\mu\omega\varsigma$ , *Give me THAT*) then are they *Pronouns*. But when they are associated to some Noun (as when we say, *THIS Habit is Virtue*; or  $\deltaει\eta\mu\omega\varsigma$ , *THAT Man defrauded me*) then as they supply not the place of a Noun, but only serve to ascertain one, they fall rather into the Species of *Definitives* or *Articles*. That there is indeed

deed a near relation between *Pronouns* Ch. V. and *Articles*, the old Grammarians have ~~all~~ all acknowledged, and some words it has been doubtful to which Class to refer. The best rule to distinguish them is this—The genuine PRONOUN *always stands by itself*, assuming the *Power* of a Noun, and supplying its *place*—The genuine ARTICLE *never stands by itself*, but appears at all times associated to something else, requiring a Noun for its support, as much as *Attributives* or (g) *Adjectives*.

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(g) Τὸν Ἀρθρὸν μεῖλα ὄνόματό, καὶ οὐ Ἀντωνυμία ἀντὶ ὄνόματό. THE ARTICLE *stands with a Noun*; but THE PRONOUN *stands for a Noun*. Apoll. L. I. c. 3. p. 22. Ἀντὶ δὲ τὰ ἀρθρα, τῆς πρὸς τὰ ἐνόματα συναρτήσεως ἀποσάντα, εἰς τὴν ὑποτεταγμένην ἀντωνυμίαν μεταπίπει. Now Articles themselves, when they quit their Connection with Nouns, *pass into such Pronoun, as is proper upon the occasion*. Ibid. Again—Οταν τὸν Ἀρθρὸν μὴ μετ' ὄνόματό παραλαμβάνηται, ποιήσηται δὲ σύνταξιν ὄνόματό ην

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Ch. V. As to the Coalescence of these Pronouns, it is, as follows. The First or Second

προεκλεθέμεθα, ἐκ τάσσης οὐάγκης εἰς αὐλανυμίαν μελα-  
ληφθήσεται, εἴγε ὡς ἐγμινόμενον μετ' ὄνοματῷ δυνάμει  
αὐτὶ ὄνοματῷ ταρελήφθη. When the Article is assumed  
without the Noun, and has (as we explained before) the  
same Syntax, which the Noun has; it must of absolute ne-  
cessity be admitted for a Pronoun, because it appears with-  
out a Noun, and yet is in power assumed for one. Eiusd.  
L. II. c. 8. p. 113. L. I. c. 45. p. 96. Inter Pro-  
nominia & Articulos hoc interest, quod Pronomina ea pu-  
tantur, quæ, cum sola sint, vicem nominis complent, ut  
QUIS, ILLE, ISTE: Articuli vero cum Pronominibus,  
aut Nominibus, aut Participiis adjunguntur. Donat.  
Gram. p. 1753.

Priscian, speaking of the Stoics, says as follows :  
ARTICULIS autem PRONOMINA connumerantes, FI-  
NITOS ea ARTICULOS appellabant; ipsos autem Ar-  
ticulos, quibus nos caremus, INFINITOS ARTICULOS  
dicebant. Vel, ut alii dicunt, Articulos connumerabant  
Pronominibus, & ARTICULARIA eos PRONOMINA  
vocabant, &c. Prisc. L. I. p. 574. Varro, speaking  
of *Quisque* and *Hic*, calls them both ARTICLES,  
the first indefinite, the second definite. *De Ling. Lat.*  
L. VII. See also L. IX. p. 132. Voscius indeed in  
his Analogi (L. I. c. 1) opposes this Doctrine, be-  
cause *Hic* has not the same power with the Greek Ar-  
ticle,

Second will, either of them, by them-Ch. V.  
selves coalesce with the Third, but not with  
with each other. For example, it is good  
sense, as well as good Grammar, to say  
in any Language—I AM HE—THOU  
ART HE—but we cannot say—I AM  
THOU—nor THOU ART I. The reason  
is, there is no absurdity for the *Speaker* to  
be the *Subject* also of the Discourse, as  
when we say, *I am He*; or for the *Person*  
*addrest*; as when we say, *Thou art He*.  
But for the same Person, in the same cir-  
cumstances, to be at once the *Speaker*,  
and the *Party addrest*, this is impossible;  
and so therefore is the Coalescence of the  
First and Second Person.

AND now perhaps we have seen enough  
of *Pronouns*, to perceive how they differ  
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ticle, &c. But he did not enough attend to the antient  
Writers on this Subject, who considered all Words, as  
ARTICLES, which being *associated to Nouns* (*and not*  
*standing in their place*) *served in any manner to ascertain,*  
*and determine their Signification.*

Ch. V. from others Substantives. The others are Primary, these are their *Substitutes*; a kind of secondary Race, which were taken in aid, when for reasons already (*h*) mentioned the others could not be used. It is moreover by means of these, and of *Articles*, which are nearly allied to them, ~~which are nearly allied to them, that~~

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(*b*) See these reasons at the beginning of this chapter, of which reasons the principal one is, that “ no Noun, properly so called, implies its own Presence. It is therefore to *ascertain such Presence*, that the Pronoun is taken in aid; and hence it is it becomes equivalent to *δεῖξις*, that is, to *Pointing or Indication by the Finger.*” It is worth remarking in that Verse of *Persius*,

*Sed pulchrum est DIGITO MONSTRARI, & dicier,  
HIC EST,*

how the *δεῖξις*, and the Pronoun are introduced together, and made to co-operate to the same end.

Sometimes by virtue of *δεῖξις* the Pronoun of the third Person stands for the *first*.

*Quod si militibus parces, erit HIC quoque Miles.*  
That is, *I also will be a Soldier.*

Tibul. I., II. El. 6. v. 7. See *Vulpinus*.

that "LANGUAGE, tho' in itself only significant of *general Ideas*, is brought down to denote that infinitude of *Particulars*, which are for ever arising, and ceasing to be." But more of this hereafter in a proper place.

As to the three orders of Pronouns already mentioned, they may be called *Prepositive*, as may indeed all Substantives, because they are capable of introducing or leading a Sentence, without having reference to any thing previous. But besides those there is ANOTHER PRONOUN

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It may be observed too, that even in Epistolary Correspondence, and indeed in all kinds of Writing, where the Pronouns I and You make their appearance, there is a sort of *implied Presence*, which they are supposed to indicate, though the parties are in fact at ever so great a distance. And hence the rise of that distinction in *Apollonius*, τὰς μὲν τῆς ὄψεως εἶναι δεῖξεις, τὰς δὲ τὰς νῦν, that some Indications are *ocular*, and some are *mental*. *De Syntaxi*, I. II. c. 3. p. 104.

Ch. V. (in Greek ὁς, ὅσις (*i*); in Latin, *Qui*; in English, *Who, Which, That*) a Pronoun having a character peculiar to itself, the nature of which may be explained as follows.

SUPPOSE I was to say—LIGHT is a Body, LIGHT moves with great celerity.—

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(*i*) The Greeks, it must be confess, call this Pronoun ὑποτακτικὸν ἀρθρον, the *Subjunctive Article*. Yet, as it should seem, this is but an improper Appellation. *Apollonius*, when he compares it to the ὑποτακτικὸν or true *Prepositive Article*, not only confesses it to differ, as being express by a different Word, and having a different place in every Sentence; but in Syntax he adds, *it is wholly different*. *De Syntax.* L. I. c. 43. p. 91. *Theodore Gaza* acknowledges the same, and therefore adds—οὗτον δὴ καὶ τὸ κατιόντα ἐν ἀρθρον ταῦτα—for these reasons this (meaning the *Subjunctive*) cannot properly be an Article. And just before he says, κατιόντα ἀρθρον τὸ ὑποτακτικόν—however properly speaking it is the *Prepositive* is the Article. *Gram. Introd.* L. IV. The Latins therefore have undoubtedly done better in ranging it with the Pronouns.

These would apparently be two distinct Ch. V. Sentences. Suppose, instead of the Second, LIGHT, I were to place the prepositive Pronoun, IT, and say—LIGHT is a *Body*; IT moves with great celerity—the Sentences would still be distinct and two. But if I add a *Connective* (as for Example an AND) saying—LIGHT is a *Body*, AND it moves with great celerity—I then by Connection make the two into one, as by cementing many Stones I make one Wall.

Now it is in the united Powers of a *Connective*, and another Pronoun, that we may see the force, and character of the Pronoun here treated. Thus therefore, if in the place of AND IT, we substitute THAT, or WHICH, saying LIGHT is a *Body*, WHICH moves with great celerity—the Sentence still retains its *Unity* and *Perfection*, and becomes if possible more compact than before. We may with just reason therefore call this Pronoun the **SUBJUNCTIVE**, because it cannot (like the

Ch. V. the Prepositive) introduce an original Sentence, but only serves to subjoin one to some other, which is previous (k).

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(k) Hence we see why the Pronoun here mentioned is always *necessarily* the Part of some *complex* Sentence, which Sentence contains, either express or understood, *two* Verbs, and *two* Nominatives.

Thus in that Verse of *Horace*,

*Qui metuens vivit, liber mihi non erit unquam.*

*Ille non erit liber*—is one Sentence; *qui metuens vivit*—is another. *Ille* and *Qui* are the *two Nominatives*; *Erit* and *Vivit*, the *two Verbs*; and so in all other instances.

The following passage from *Apollonius* (though somewhat corrupt in more places than one) will serve to shew, whence the above Speculations are taken.

Τὸ ὑπότακτικὸν ἀρθρου ἐπὶ ῥῆμα ἴδιον Φέρεται, συνδεδεμένον διὰ τῆς ἀναφορᾶς τῷ ὠροκειμένῳ ὄνόματι· καὶ ἐντεῦθεν ἀπλῶν λόγου ὃ τῷ παρισάνει κατὰ τὴν τῶν δύο ῥημάτων σύνθαξιν (λέγω τὴν ἐν τῷ ὄνόματι, καὶ τὴν ἐν ἀντῷ τῷ ἀρθρῷ) ὅπερ τῷ παρισάνει τῷ ΚΑΙ συνδέσμῳ. Κοινὸν μὲν (lege ΤΟ ΚΑΙ γχρ̄ κοινὸν μὲν) τῷ παρελάμ-  
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THE Application of this SUBJUNCTIVE, Ch. V.  
like the other Pronouns, is universal. It may

Εανε τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἀροκείμενον, σύμπλεκον δὲ ἔτερον λόγου  
τῶντως καὶ ἔτερον ῥῆμα ταρελάμβανε, καὶ ὅτῳ τὸ, ΠΑ-  
ΡΕΓΕΝΕΤΟ ο ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΣ, ο Σ  
ΔΙΕΛΕΞΑΤΟ, δυνάμει τὸν αὐτὸν αποτελεῖ τοῦ  
(forf. τῷ) ο ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΣ ΠΑΡΕΓΕΝΕ-  
ΤΟ, ΚΑΙ ΔΙΕΛΕΞΑΤΟ. *The subjunctive Article, (that is, the Pronoun here mentioned) is applied to a Verb of its own, and yet is connected withal to the antecedent Noun. Hence it can never serve to constitute a simple Sentence, by reason of the Syntax of the two Verbs, I mean that which respects the Noun or Antecedent, and that which respects the Article or Relative. The same too follows as to the Conjunction, AND. This Copulative assumes the Antecedent Noun, which is capable of being applied to many Subjects, and by connecting to it a new Sentence, of necessity assumes a new Verb also. And hence it is that the Words—the Grammarian came, WHO dis-  
coursed—form in power nearly the same sentence, as if we were to say—the Grammarian came, AND dis-  
coursed. Apoll. de Syntaxi, L. I. c. 43. p. 92. See also an ingenious French Treatise, called Grammaire  
generale & raisonnée, Chap. IX.*

The *Latins*, in their Structure of this Subjunctive, seem to have well represented its *compound* Nature of part *Pronoun*, and part *Connective*, in forming their

Ch. V. may be the Substitute of all kinds of Substantives, natural, artificial, or abstract ; as well as general, special, or particular. We may say, the *Animal*, *Which*, &c. the *Man*, *Whom*, &c. the *Ship*, *Which*, &c. *Alexander*, *Who*, &c. *Bucephalus*, *That*, &c. *Virtue*, *Which*, &c. &c.

NAY, it may even be the Substitute of all the other Pronouns, and is of course therefore expressive of all three Persons. Thus we say, *I*, *who now read*, *have near finished this Chapter*; *Thou*, *who now readest*: *He*, *who now readeth*, &c. &c.

AND thus is THIS SUBJUNCTIVE truly a Pronoun from its *Substitution*, there being

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QUI & QUIS from QUE and IS, or (if we go with Scaliger to the Greek) from ΚΑΙ and ΟΣ, ΚΑΙ and Ο. *Scal. de Caus. Ling. Lat. c. 127.*

HOMER also expresses the Force of this *Subjunctive*, *Pronoun* or *Article*, by help of the *Prepositive* and a *Connective*, exactly consonant to the Theory here established, See *Iliad. A. ver. 270, 553. N. 571. II. 54, 157, 158.*

ing no Substantive existing, in whose place Ch. V. it may not stand. At the same time, it is essentially distinguished from the other Pronouns, by this peculiar, that it is not only *a Substitute*, but withal *a Connective* (1).

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(1) Before we quit this Subject, it may not be improper to remark, that in the *Greek* and *Latin Tongues*, the two principal Pronouns, that is to say, the First and Second Person, the *Ego* and the *Tu* are *implied in* the very Form of the Verb itself (*γεάφω*, *γεάφεις*, *scribo*, *scribis*) and are for that reason never *express*, unless it be to mark a Contradistinction; such as in *Virgil*,

*Nos patriam fugimus; Tu, Tityre, latus in umbrâ  
Formosam resonare doces, &c.*

This however is true with respect only to the *Casus reetus*, or *Nominative* of these Pronouns, but not with respect to their *oblique Cases*, which must always be added, because tho' we see the *Ego* in *Amo*, and the *Tu* in *Amas*, we see not the *TE* or *ME* in *Amat*, or *Amant*.

Yet even these *oblique Cases* appear in a different manner, according as they mark Contradistinction, or not. If they contradictinguish, then are they *commonly* placed at the beginning of the Sentence, or at least before the Verb, or leading Substantive.

Ch. V. AND now to conclude what we have  
said concerning Substantives. All SUB-  
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Thus *Virgil*,

— *Quid Thesea, magnum*  
*Quid memorem Alciden? Et MI genus ab Jove summo.*

Thus *Homer*,

‘ΤΜΙΝ μὲν Θεοὶ δοῖεν —  
 Παῖδα δὲ ΜΟΙ λύσατε φίλην —      ΙΛ. Α.

where the ‘Τμῖν and the Μοὶ stand, as contradistinguished, and both have precedence of their respective Verbs, the ‘Τμῖν even leading the whole Sentence. In other instances, these Pronouns commonly take their place behind the Verb, as may be seen in examples every where obvious. The Greek Language went farther still. When the oblique Case of these Pronouns happened to contradictinguish, they assumed a peculiar Accent of their own, which gave them the name of ὀρθοτονεμέναι, or *Pronouns uprightly accented*. When they marked no such opposition, they not only took their place behind the Verb, but even *gave it their Accent*, and (as it were) *inclined themselves upon it*. And hence they acquired the name of Εγκλιτικαὶ, that is, *Leaning or Inclining Pronouns*. The Greeks too had in the first person Ἐμ̄, Ἐμοί, Ἐμέ for *Contradistinctives*, and Μ̄, Μοὶ, Μὲ for *Enclitics*. And hence it was that *Apollonius* contended, that in the passage above quoted from the first *Iliad*, we should read παῖδα δ’ ἘΜΟΙ, for

STANTIVES are either *Primary*, or *Secondary*, that is to say, according to a Language more familiar and known, are either **NOUNS** or **PRONOUNS**. The **NOUNS** denote *Substances*, and those either *Natural*, *Artificial*, or *Abstract* \*. They moreover denote Things either *General*, or *Special*, or *Particular*. The **PRONOUNS**, their Substitutes, are either *Prepositive*, or *Subjunctive*. THE **PREPOSITIVE** is distinguished into three Orders called the *First*, the *Second*, and the *Third* Person. THE **SUBJUNCTIVE** includes the powers

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for  $\omega\alpha\tilde{\imath}\delta\alpha\ \delta\epsilon\text{ MOI}$ , on account of the Contradistinction, which there occurs between the *Grecians* and *Chryses*. See *Apoll. de Syntaxi L. I. c. 3. p. 20. L. II. c. 2. p. 102, 103.*

This Diversity between the Contradistinctive Pronouns, and the Enclitic, is not unknown even to the *English* Tongue. When we say, *Give me Content*, the (*Me*) in this case is a perfect Enclitic. But when we say, *Give Mé Content, Give Him his thousands*, the (*Me*) and (*Him*) are no Enclitics, but as they stand in opposition, assume an Accent of their own, and so become the true  $\delta\epsilon\theta\sigma\tau\omega\mu\epsilon\alpha\iota$ .

\* See before p. 37, 38.

Ch. V. of all those three, having *superadded*, as  
of its own, the peculiar force of a *Con-*  
*nective.*

HAVING done with SUBSTANTIVES,  
we now proceed to ATTRIBUTIVES.

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## C H A P. VI.

*Concerning Attributives.*

**A**TTRIBUTIVES are *all those principal Words, that denote Attributes, considered as Attributes.* Such for example are the Words, *Black, White, Great, Little, Wise, Eloquent, Writeth, Wrote, Writing, &c.* (a).

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(a) In the above list of Words are included what Grammarians called *Adjectives, Verbs, and Participles*, in as much as *all of them equally denote the Attributes of Substance.* Hence it is, that as they are all from their very nature the Predicates in a Proposition (being all predicated of some Subject or Substance, *Snow is white*, Cicero *writeth*, &c.) hence I say the Appellation PHMA or VERB is employed by Logicians in an extended Sense to denote them all. Thus Ammonius explaining the reason, why Aristotle in his Tract de Interpretatione calls λεγός a *Verb*, tells us πᾶσαν φωνὴν, κακηγορέμενον ὄφον ἐν προτάσει ποιεῖσαν, 'PHMA καλεῖσθαι, that every Sound articulate, that forms the

Ch.VI. **HOWEVER**, previously to these, and to ~~every~~ every other possible Attribute, whatever a thing may be, whether black or white, square or round, wise or eloquent, writing or thinking, it must *first* of necessity **EXIST**, before it can possibly be any thing else. For **EXISTENCE** may be considered as *an universal Genus*, to which all things of all kinds are at all times to be referred. The Verbs therefore, which denote it, claim precedence of all others, as being essential to the very being of every Proposition, in which they may still be found, either *express*, or by *implication*; express, as when we say, *The Sun is bright*; by   
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*Predicate in a Proposition, is called a VERB.* p. 24. Edit. Ven. *Priscian's observation*, though made on another occasion, is very pertinent to the present. *Non Declinatio, sed proprietas exentienda est significationis.* L. II, p. 576. And in another place he says—*non similitudo declinationis omnimodo conjungit vel discernit partes orationis inter se, sed vis ipsius significationis.* L. XIII, p. 97<sup>o</sup>:

implication, as when we say, *The Sun* Ch. VI. *rises*, which means, when resolved, *The Sun is rising* (b).

THE Verbs, *Is*, *Groweth*, *Becometh*, *Est*, *Fit*, *ὑπάρχει*, *εἰσὶ*, *πέλει*, *γίγνεται*, are all of them used to express this general Genus. The Latins have called them *Verba Substantiva*, *Verbs Substantive*, but the Greeks *Πήματα* *Τιμορήμα*, *Verbs of Existence*, a Name more apt, as being of greater latitude, and comprehending equally as well Attribute, as Substance. The principal of those Verbs, and which we shall here particularly consider, is the Verb, *Ἐσὶ*, *Est*, *Is*.

Now all EXISTENCE is either absolute or qualified—*absolute*, as when we say, *B is*; *qualified*, as when we say, *B IS AN ANIMAL*; *B IS BLACK*, *IS ROUND*, *&c.*

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(b) See *Metaphys. Aristot.* L. V. c. 7, Edit. *Du-Vall.*

Ch.VI. With respect to this difference, the Verb (is) can by itself express *absolute Existence*, but never the *qualified*, without subjoining the particular Form, because the Forms of Existence being in number infinite, if the particular Form be not express, we cannot know which is intended. And hence it follows, that when (is) only serves to subjoin some such Form, it has little more force, than that of *a mere Assertion*. It is under the same character, that it becomes a latent part in every other Verb, by expressing that Assertion, which is one of their Essentials. Thus, as was observed just before, *Riseth* means, *is rising*; *Writeth*, *is writing*.

AGAIN—As to *EXISTENCE* in general, it is either *mutable*, or *immutable*; *mutable*, as in the *Objects of Sensation*; *immutable*, as in the *Objects of Intellection and Science*. Now *mutable* Objects exist all in *Time*, and admit the several Distinctions

stinctions of present, past, and future. Ch.VI.  
But *immutable Objects* know no such *Di-*  
*stinctions*, but rather stand opposed to all  
things temporary.

AND hence two different Significations  
of the substantive Verb (*is*) according  
as it denotes *mutable*, or *immutable* Be-  
ing.

FOR example, if we say, *This Orange*  
*is ripe*, (*is*) meaneth, *that it existeth so*  
*now at this present*, in opposition to *past*  
*time*, when it was *green*, and to *future*  
*time*, when it will be *rotten*.

BUT if we say, *The Diameter of the*  
*Square is incommensurable with its side*,  
we do not intend by (*is*) that it is incom-  
mensurable *now*, having been *formerly*  
*commensurable*, or being to become *so*  
*hereafter*; on the contrary we intend that  
*Perfection of Existence*, to which *Time*  
and its *Distinctions* are utterly unknown.  
It is under the same meaning we employ  
this

Ch.VI. this Verb, when we say, TRUTH is,  
 or, GOD is. The opposition is not of  
 Time *present* to other *Times*, but of *necessary Existence* to *all temporary Existence*  
 whatever (c). And so much for *Verbs of Existence*, commonly called *Verbs Substantive*.

WE are now to descend to the common Herd of *Attributives*, such as *black* and *white*, *to write*, *to speak*, *to walk*. &c. among which when compared and opposed to each other, one of the most eminent distinctions appears to be this. Some, by being joined to a proper *Substantive*

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(c) *Cum enim dicimus, DEUS EST, non cum dicimus NUNC ESSE, sed tantum IN SUBSTANTIA ESSE, ut hoc ad immutabilitatem potius substantiae, quam ad tempus aliquod referatur. Si autem dicimus, DIES EST, ad nullam diei substantiam pertinet, nisi tantum ad temporis constitutionem; hoc enim, quod significat, tale est, tanquam si dicamus, NUNC EST. Quare cum dicimus ESSE, ut substantiam designemus, simpliciter EST addimus; cum vero ita ut aliquid praesens significetur, secundum Tempus. Boeth. in Lib. de Interpr. p. 307. See also Plat. Tim. p. 37, 38. Edit. Serrani.*

stantive *make* without farther help a perfect assertive Sentence; while the rest, tho' otherwise perfect, are in this respect deficient.

To explain by an example. When we say, *Cicero eloquent*, *Cicero wise*, these are imperfect Sentences, though they denote a Substance and an Attribute. The reason is, that they want an *Assertion*, to shew that such Attribute appertains to such Substance. We must therefore call in the help of an Assertion elsewhere, an (is) or a (was) to complete the Sentence, saying, *Cicero is wise*, *Cicero was eloquent*. On the contrary, when we say, *Cicero writeth*, *Cicero walketh*, in instances like these there is no such occasion, because the Words (*writeth*) and (*walketh*) imply in their own Form not an Attribute only, but an Assertion likewise. Hence it is they may be resolved, the one into *Is* and *Writing*, the other into *Is* and *Walking*.

Now

Ch.VI. Now all those Attributives, which have  
this complex Power of denoting both an  
Attribute and an Assertion, make that  
Species of Words, which Grammarians  
call VERBS. If we resolve this complex  
Power into its distinct Parts, and take *the*  
*Attribute alone* without the Assertion, then  
have we PARTICIPLES. All other Attri-  
butives, besides the two Species before,  
are included together in the general Name  
of ADJECTIVES.

AND thus it is, that ALL ATTRIBU-  
TIVES are either VERBS, PARTICIPLES,  
or ADJECTIVES.

BESIDES the Distinctions abovement-  
ioned, there are others, which deserve  
notice. Some Attributes have their Es-  
sence in *Motion*; such are *to walk*, *to fly*,  
*to strike*, *to live*. Others have it in the  
*privation of Motion*; such are *to stop*, *to*  
*rest*, *to cease*, *to die*. And lastly, others  
have it in subjects, which have nothing to  
do

do with either *Motion* or its *Privation*; Ch. VI.  
 such are the Attributes of, *Great* and *Little*,  
*White* and *Black*, *Wise* and *Foolish*,  
 and in a word the several *Quantities*, and  
*Qualities* of all Things. Now these last  
 are **ADJECTIVES**; those which denote  
*Motions*, or their *Privation*, are either  
**VERBS** or **PARTICIPLES**.

AND this Circumstance leads to a farther Distinction, which may be explained as follows. That *all Motion is in Time*, and therefore, wherever it exists, implies *Time* as its concomitant, is evident to all and requires no proving. But besides this, *all Rest or Privation of Motion implies Time likewise*. For how can a thing be said to rest or stop, by being in *one Place* for *one Instant* only?—so too is that thing, which moves with the greatest velocity. † To stop therefore or rest, is to be in *one Place* for *more than one Instant*, that is to say,  
*during*

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† Thus *Proclus* in the Beginning of his Treatise concerning *Motion*. Ηρεμεν ἐσὶ τὸ πρότερον καὶ ὑπερον  
 ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ τόπῳ ὃν, καὶ αὐτὸ, καὶ τὰ μέρη.

Ch. VI. during an Extension between two Instants, and this of course gives us the Idea of TIME. As therefore Motions and their Privation imply Time as their concomitant, so VERBS, which denote them, come to denote TIME also (d). And hence the origin and use of TENSES, “ which are so many different forms, assigned to each Verb, “ to shew, without altering its principal “ meaning the various TIMES in which “ such meaning may exist.” Thus Scribit, Scripsit, Scriperat, and Sribet, denote all equally the Attribute, *To Write*, while the difference between them, is, that they denote *Writing in different Times*.

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(d) The antient Authors of Dialectic or Logic have well described this Property. The following is part of their Definition of a Verb—*πημα δε εσι το ωροστηματινον χρόνον*, a Verb is something, which signifies Time OVER AND ABOVE (for such is the force of the Proposition, Πρὸς.) If it should be asked, *over and above what?* It may be answered over and above its principal Signification, which is to denote some moving and energizing Attribute. See *Arist. de Interpret. c. 3.* together with his Commentators *Ammonius* and *Boethius*.

SHOULD it be asked, whether *Time* it-  
self may not become upon occasion the  
Verb's *principal* Signification; it is answer-  
ed, No. And this appears, because *the same Time* may be denoted by different  
verbs (as in the words, *writeth* and *speak-  
eth*) and *different Times* by the same Verb  
(as in the words, *writeth* and *wrote*) nei-  
ther of which could happen, were *Time*  
any thing more, than a mere *Concomitant*.  
Add to this, that when words denote  
Time, not collaterally, but principally,  
they cease to be verbs, and become either  
adjectives, or substantives. Of the ad-  
jective kind are *Timely*, *Yearly*, *Dayly*,  
*Hourly*, &c. of the substantive kind are  
*Time*, *Year*, *Day*, *Hour*, &c.

THE most obvious division of **TIME** is  
into Present, Past, and Future, nor is any  
language complete, whose verbs have  
not **TENSES**, to mark these distinctions.  
But we may go still farther. Time past  
and future are both *infinitely* extended.

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Hence

Ch. VI. Hence it is that in *universal Time past* we  
may assume *many particular Times past*,  
and in *universal Time future*, *many particular Times future*, some more, some less  
remote, and corresponding to each other  
under different relations. Even *present Time itself* is not exempt from these dif-  
ferences, and as necessarily implies *some degree of Extension*, as does every given  
line, however minute.

HERE then we are to seek for the  
reason, which first introduced into lan-  
guage that variety of Tenses. It was not  
it seems enough to denote *indefinitely* (or  
by Aorists) mere Present, Past, or Future,  
but it was necessary on many occasions to  
define with more precision, *what kind* of  
Past, Present, or Future. And hence  
the multiplicity of Futures, Præterits,  
and even Present Tenses, with which all  
languages are found to abound, and  
without which it would be difficult to af-  
certain our Ideas.

HOWEVER as the knowledge of TENSES Ch.VI. depends on the theory of TIME, and this is a subject of no mean speculation, we shall reserve it by itself for the following chapter.

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## C H A P. VII.

*Concerning Time, and Tenses.*

C.VII. **T**IME and SPACE have this in common, that they are both of them by nature things *continuous*, and as such they both of them imply *Extension*. Thus between *London* and *Salisbury* there is the Extension of *Space*, and between *Yesterday* and *To-morrow*, the Extension of *Time*. But in this they differ, that all the parts of *Space* exist *at once* and *together*, while those of *Time* only exist *in Transition* or *Succession* (a). Hence then we may gain some Idea of **TIME**, by considering it under the notion

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(a) See Vol. I. p. 275. Note XIII. To which we may add, what is said by *Ammonius*—οὐδὲ γὰρ ὁ χρόνος ὁλοῦ ἀμα ὑφίσαται, ἀλλ' ἡ κατὰ μόνον τὸ ΝΤΝ· εὐ γὰρ τῷ γίνεσθαι καὶ φθείρεσθαι τὸ εἶναι ἔχει. **TIME** doth not *subsist the whole at once*, but *only in a single Now or INSTANT*; for it hath its *Existence in becoming and in ceasing to be*. Amm. in *Predicam.* p. 82. b.

notion of a *transient Continuity*. Hence C. VII. also, as far as the affections and properties of *Transition* go, Time is *different* from Space; but as to those of *Extension* and *Continuity*, they perfectly *coincide*.

LET us take, for example, such a part of Space, as a Line. In every given LINE we may assume any where a *Point*, and therefore in every given Line there may be assumed infinite Points. So in every given TIME we may assume any where a *Now* or *Instant*, and therefore in every given Time there may be assumed infinite Nows or *Instants*.

FARTHER still—A POINT is the *Bound* of every finite Line; and A Now or INSTANT, of every finite Time. But altho' they are *Bounds*, they are neither of them *Parts*, neither the *Point* of any Line, nor the *Now* or *Instant* of any Time. If this appear strange, we may remember, that the parts of any thing *extended* are necef-

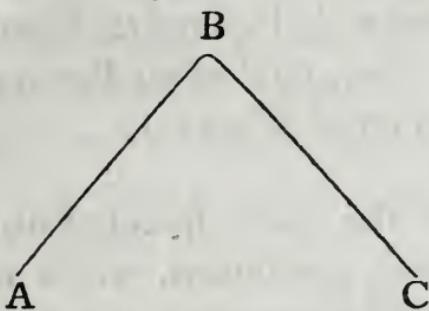
C. VII. *sarily extended also, it being essential to*  
~~—~~ *their character, that they should measure*  
*their Whole.* But if a *Point* or *Now* were  
*extended*, each of them would contain  
*within itself infinite other Points*, and *in-*  
*finite other Nows* (for these may be assumed  
*infinitely within the minutest Extension*)  
*and this, it is evident, would be absurd and*  
*impossible.*

THESE assertions therefore being ad-  
 mitted, and both *Points* and *Nows* being  
 taken as *Bounds*, but not as *Parts* (b), it will  
 follow,

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(b) —Φανερὸν ὅτι ἔδει μόριον τὸ ΝΥΝ τῆς χρόνου,  
 ὥσπερ ἔδει τὸ σύγματα τῆς γραμμῆς· ἀλλὰ δὲ γραμμαὶ δύο  
 τῆς μίας μόρια. It is evident that A Now or Instant is  
 no more a part of Time, than Points are of a Line.  
 The parts indeed of one Line are two other Lines. Natur.  
 Ausc. L. IV. c. 17. And not long before—Τὸ δὲ  
 ΝΥΝ ἐμέρθη μετρεῖ, τε γὰρ τὸ μέρθη, καὶ σύγ-  
 κεισθαι δεῖ τὸ ὅλον ἐκ τῶν μερῶν· ὁ δὲ ΧΡΟΝΟΣ  
 δοκεῖ σύγκεισθαι ἐκ τῶν ΝΥΝ. A Now is no Part of  
 Time; for a Part is able to measure its Whole, and the  
 Whole is necessarily made up of its Parts; but TIME doth  
 not appear to be made up of Nows. Ibid. c. 14.

follow, that in the same manner as *the same* C. VII. *Point* may be the *End* of one Line, and the *Beginning* of another, so the *same* *Now* or *Instant* may be the *End* of one Time, and the *Beginning* of another. Let us suppose for example, the Lines, A B, B C.



I say that the Point B, is the End of the Line A B, and the Beginning of the Line, B C. In the same manner let us suppose A B, B C to represent certain Times, and let B be a *Now* or *Instant*. In such case I say that the *Instant* B is the End of the Time A B, and the Beginning of the Time, B C. I say likewise of these two Times, that with respect to the *Now* or *Instant*, which they include, the first of them is necessarily PAST TIME, as being *previous* to it; the other is necessarily FUTURE, as being *subsequent*. As therefore every Now

C. VII. or *Instant* always exists in Time, and without being Time, is *Time's Bound*; the Bound of *Completion* to the *Past*, and the Bound of *Commencement* to the *Future*: from hence we may conceive its nature or end, which is *to be the Medium of Continuity between the Past and the Future, so as to render Time, thro' all its Parts, one Intire and Perfect Whole* (c).

FROM the above speculations, there follow some conclusions, which may be perhaps called paradoxes, till they have been attentively considered. In the first place *there cannot* (strictly speaking) *be any such*

(c) Τὸ δὲ ΝΤΝ ἐσι συνέχεια χρόνις, ὡσπερ ἐλέχθη. συνέχει γὰρ τὸν χρόνον, τὸν παρελθόντα καὶ ἐσόμενον, καὶ ὅλως πέρας χρόνις ἐσίν. ἐσι γὰρ τῇ μὲν ἀρχῇ, τῇ δὲ τελευτῇ. A Now or *Instant* is (as was said before) the *Continuity* or holding together of *Time*; for it makes *Time* *continuous*, the *past* and the *future*, and is in general its boundary, as being the beginning of one *Time* and the ending of another. Natur. Auscult. L IV.

c. 19. *Sυνέχεια* in this place means not *Continuity*, as standing for *Extension*, but rather that *Function* or *Holding together*, by which *Extension* is imparted to other things.

such thing as *Time present*. For if all *Time* C. VII. be transient as well as continuous, it cannot like a Line be present all together, but part will necessarily be gone, and part be coming. If therefore any portion of its continuity were to be present *at once*, it would so far quit its *transient* nature, and be *Time* no longer. But if no portion of its continuity can be thus present, how can *Time* possibly be *present*, to which such Continuity is essential?

FARTHER than this—If there be no such thing as *Time Present*, there can be no *Sensation of Time* by any one of the senses. For ALL SENSATION is of the † *Present only*, the Past being preserved not by *Sense* but by *Memory*, and the Future being anticipated by *Prudence* only and wise *Foresight*.

BUT if no Portion of Time be the object of any *Sensation*; farther, if the Present

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† Ταυτὴ γὰρ (αισθήσει sc.) οὐτε τὸ μέλλον, οὐτε τὸ γιγνόμενον γνωρίζομεν, ἀλλὰ τὸ παρὸν μόνον, Αρι. περὶ Μνημ. A. a.

C. VII. sent never exist; if the Past be no more; if the Future be not *as yet*; and if these are all the parts, out of which TIME is compounded: how strange and shadowy a Being do we find it? How nearly approaching to a perfect Non-entity (*d*)? Let us try however, since the senses fail us, if we have not faculties of higher power, to seize this fleeting Being.

THE World has been likened to a variety of Things, but it appears to resemble no one more, than some moving spectacle

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(*d*) "Οτι μὲν ὅν ὄλως ἐκ ἔσιν, οὐ μόγις καὶ ἀμυδρῶς, ἐκ τῶν δέ τις ἀν ὑποπλέυσεις τὸ μὲν γὰρ αὐτὸς γέγονε, καὶ ἐκ ἔσιν τὸ δὲ μέλλει, καὶ ὅπως ἔσιν. ἐκ δὲ τέτων καὶ ὁ ἀπειρός καὶ ὁ αἰς λαμβανόμενός χρόνος σύκειται. τὸ δὲ ἐκ μηδέντων συμκείμενον, ἀδύνατον ἀν δόξεις κατέχειν ποτὲ ἔσιας. That therefore TIME exists not at all, or at least has but a faint and obscure existence, one may suspect from hence. A part of it has been, and is no more; a part of it is coming, and is not as yet; and out of these is made that infinite Time, which is ever to be assumed still farther and farther. Now that which is made up of nothing but Non-entities, it should seem was impossible ever to participate of Entity. Natural. Ausc. L. IV. c. 14. See also Philop. M. S. Com. in Nicomach. p. 10.

tacle (such as a procession or a triumph) C. VII., that abounds in every part with splendid objects, some of which are still departing, as fast as others make their appearance. The Senses look on, while the sight passes, perceiving as much as is *immediately present*, which they report with tolerable accuracy to the Soul's superior powers. Having done this, they have done their duty, being concerned with nothing, save what is present and instantaneous. But to the *Memory*, to the *Imagination*, and above all to the *Intellect*, the several *Now*s or *Instants* are not lost, as to the *Senses*, but are preserved and made objects of *steady* comprehension, however in their own nature they may be *transitory* and *passing*. “Now it is from contemplating two “or more of these Instants under one view, “together with that Interval of Continuity, “which subsists between them, that we “acquire insensibly the Idea of TIME (e).”

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(e) Τότε Φαμὲν γεγονέναι χρόνου, ὅταν τὰς προτέρας  
καὶ νέας ἐν τῇ οινήσει ἀισθησιν λάβωμεν. Ὁρίζομεν  
δὲ

C. VII. For example: *The Sun rises*; this I remember; *it rises again*; this too I remember. These Events are not together; there is

δὲ τῷ ἄλλο καὶ ἄλλο ὑπολαβεῖν αὐτὰ, καὶ μεταξύ τι αὐτῶν ἔτερον· ὅταν γὰρ τὰ ἀκρα ἔτερα τῷ μέσῳ νοήσωμεν, καὶ δύο ἐπη ἡ ψυχὴ τὰ ΝΥΝ, τὸ μὲν ἀρότερον, τὸ δὲ ὕσερον, τότε καὶ τότο Φαμὲν εἶναι ΧΡΟΝΟΝ. It is then we say there has been TIME, when we can acquire a Sensation of prior and subsequent in Motion. But we distinguish and settle these two, by considering one first, then the other, together with an interval between them different from both. For as often as we conceive the Extremes to be different from the Mean, and the Soul talks of two Nows, one prior and the other subsequent, then it is we say there is TIME, and this it is we call TIME. Natural. Auscult. L. IV. c. 16. Themistius's Comment upon this passage is to the same purpose. "Οταν γαρ ο νες αναμυνσθεις το ΝΥΝ, ο χθες ειπεν, έτερον παλιν ειπη το τημερου, τότε καχρόνου ευθυς ενευόησεν, υπό των δύο ΝΥΝ οριζόμενου, οιον υπό περάτων δυοιν καὶ ετω λέγειν εχει, οτι ποσόν ειτε πεντεκαίδεκα ωρῶν, ή εικαίδεκα, οιον εξ απείρα γραμμης πηχυαίαν δύο σημείοις αποτεμνόμενο. For when the Mind, remembering the Now, which it talked of yesterday, talks again of another Now to-day, then it is it immediately has an idea of TIME, terminated by these two Nows, as by two Boundaries; and thus is it enabled to say, that the Quantity is of fifteen, or of sixteen hours, as if it were to sever a Cubit's length from an infinite Line by two Points. Themist. Op. edit. Aldi. p. 45. b.

is an *Extension* between them—not however of *Space*, for we may suppose the place of rising the same, or at least to exhibit no sensible difference. Yet still we recognize *some Extension* between them. Now what is this Extension, *but a natural Day*? And what is that, *but pure Time*? It is after the same manner, by recognizing two new Moons, and the Extension between these: two vernal Equinoxes, and the Extension between these; that we gain Ideas of other Times, such as *Months* and *Years*, which are all so many Intervals, described as above; that is to say, *passing Intervals of Continuity between two Instants viewed together*.

AND thus it is THE MIND acquires the Idea of TIME. But this Time it must be remembered is PAST TIME ONLY, which is always the *first Species*, that occurs to the human intellect. How then do we acquire the Idea of TIME FUTURE? The answer is, we acquire it *by Anticipation*. Should it be demanded still farther, *And what is Anticipation?* We answer, that in this

C. VII. this case it is a kind of reasoning by analogy from similar to similar ; from successions of events, that are past already, to similar successions, that are presumed hereafter. For example : I observe as far back as my memory can carry me, how every day has been succeeded by a night ; that night, by another day ; that day, by another night ; and so downwards in order to the Day that is now. Hence then I *anticipate a similar succession* from the present Day, and thus gain the Idea of days and nights *in futurity*. After the same manner, by attending to the periodical returns of New and Full Moons ; of Springs, Summers, Autumns and Winters, all of which in Time past I find never to have failed, I *anticipate a like orderly and diversified succession*, which makes Months, and Seasons, and Years, *in Time future.*

WE go farther than this, and not only thus anticipate in these *natural* Periods, but even in matters of *human* and *civil* concern. For example : Having observed in many past

past instances how health had succeeded C. VII. to exercise, and sickness to sloth ; we anticipate *future* health to those, who, being *now* sickly, use exercise ; and *future* sickness to those, who, being *now* healthy, are slothful. It is a variety of such observations, all respecting one subject, which when systematized by just reasoning, and made habitual by due practice, form the character of a Master-Artist, or Man of *practical* Wisdom. If they respect the human body (as above) they form the Physician ; if matters military, the General ; if matters national, the Statesman ; if matters of private life, the Moralist ; and the same in other subjects. All these several characters in their respective ways may be said to possess a kind of prophetic discernment, which not only presents them *the barren prospect* of futurity (a prospect not hid from the meanest of men) but shews withal those events, which are likely to attend it, and thus enables them to act with superior certainty and rectitude. And hence it is, that (if we except those, who have had diviner assistances)

C. VII. ances) we may justly say, as was said of old,  
*He's the best Prophet, who conjectures  
 well (f).*

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(f) Μάντις δ' ἀριστος, ὅσις εἰκάζει καλῶς.  
 So Milton.

*Till old Experience do attain  
 To something like Prophetic Strain.  
 Et facile existimari potest, Prudentiam esse quodam-  
 modo Divinationem.*

Corn. Nep. in Vit. Attici.

There is nothing appears so clearly an object of the MIND or INTELLECT ONLY, as the Future does, since we can find no place for its existence any where else. Not but the same, if we consider, is equally true of the Past. For tho' it may have once had another kind of being, when (according to common Phrase) *it actually was*, yet was it then something Present, and not something Past. As Past, it has no existence but in THE MIND or MEMORY, since had it in fact any other, it could not properly be called Past. It was this intimate connection between TIME, and the SOUL, that made some Philosophers doubt, *whether if there was no Soul, there could be any Time*, since Time appears to have its Being in no other region. Πότερον δὲ μὴ στοιχητὸν εἴη ἀνὸ χρόνος, ἀπορήσειν ἀν τις, ο. τ. λ. Natur. Auscult. L. IV. c. 20. Themistius, who comments the above passage, expresses himself more positively. Εἰ τοίνυν διχῶς λέγεται τότε ἀριθμητὸν καὶ τὸ ἀριθμέμενον, τὸ μὲν τὸ ἀριθμητὸν διλαδὴ δυνάμει, τὸ δὲ ἐνεργείᾳ, ταῦτα δὲ ἐκ ἀν υποσάιη, μὴ σύντος τὸ ἀριθμή-

σοντος

FROM what has been reasoned it appears, that knowledge of *the Future* comes from knowledge of *the Past*; as does knowledge of *the Past* from knowledge of *the Present*, so that their *Order to us* is that of PRESENT, PAST, and FUTURE.

OF these Species of knowledge, that of the *Present* is the lowest, not only as *first in perception*, but as far the more extensive, being necessarily common to all *animal Beings*, and reaching even to *Zoophytes*, as far as they possess *Sensation*. Knowledge of *the Past* comes next, which is superior to the *former*, as being confined to those animals, that have *Memory* as well as *Senses*. Knowledge of *the Future* comes last,

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σοντος μήτε δυνάμεις μήτε ἐνεργεία, Φανερὸν ὡς οὐκ ἀν ὁ χρόνος εἴη, μὴ οὖς ψυχῆς. Them. p. 48. Edit. Aldi. Vid. etiam ejusd. Comm. in Lib. de An. p. 94.

C. VII. last, as being derived from the other two,  
 Arist. de An. II. 3. and which is for that reason *the most excellent* as well as *the most rare*, since Nature in her superadditions rises from worse always to better, and is never found to sink from better down to worse \*.

AND now having seen, how we acquire the knowledge of *Time past*, and *Time future*; which is first in perception, which first in dignity; which more common, which more rare; let us compare them both to the *present Now* or *Instant*, and examine what relations they maintain towards it.

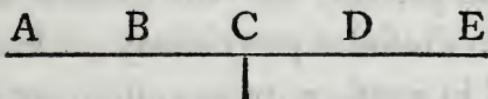
IN the first place there may be *Times* both *past* and *future*, in which the *present Now* has no existence, as for example in *Yesterday*, and *To-morrow*.

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\* See below, Note (r) of this Chapter.

AGAIN, the *present Now* may so far be- C. VII. long to *Time* of either sort, as to be the End of the past, and the *Beginning* of the future ; but it cannot be included *within* the limits of either. For if it were possible, let us suppose C the *present Now* included



within the limits of the *past Time* A D. In such case C D, part of the past Time A D, will be subsequent to C the *present Now*, and so of course be *future*. But by the Hypothesis it is *past*, and so will be both *Past* and *Future* at once, which is absurd. In the same manner we prove that C cannot be included within the limits of a *future Time*, such as B E.

WHAT then shall we say of such *Times*, as *this Day*, *this Month*, *this Year*, *this*

C. VII. Century, all which include within them *the present Now?* They cannot be *past Times* or *future*, from what has been proved; and *present Time has no existence*, as has been proved likewise \*. Or shall we allow them to be *present*, *from the present Now, which exists within them*; so that from the presence of *that* we call *these* also *present*, tho' the shortest among them has infinite parts always absent? If so, and in conformity to custom we allow such *Times present*, as *present Days, Months, Years, and Centuries*, each must of necessity be *a compound of the Past and the Future*, divided from each other by some *present Now or Instant*, and *jointly called PRESENT*, *while that Now remains within them*. Let us suppose for example the Time XY, which

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\* Sup. p. 104.

let us call a Day, or a Century ; and let C. VII. the present *Now* or *Instant* exist at A. ~~—~~  
I say, in as much as A exists within XY, that therefore XA is Time past, and AY Time future, and the whole XA, AY, *Time present*. The same holds, if we suppose the present Now to exist at B, or C, or D, or E, or any where before Y. When the present Now exists at Y, then is the whole XY *Time past*, and still more so, when the Now gets to g, or onwards. In like manner before the Present Now entered X, as for example when it was at f, then was the whole XY *Time future* ; it was the same, when the present Now was at X. When it had past that, then XY became *Time present*. And thus it is that TIME is PRESENT, while passing, in its PRESENT Now or INSTANT. It is the same indeed here, as it is in Space. A Sphere passing over a Plane, and being for that reason present to it, is only present to that Plane *in a single Point at once*,

C. VII. while during the whole progression its  
 —— parts absent are *infinite* (g).

FROM what has been said, we may perceive that ALL TIME, of every denomination,

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(g) PLACE, according to the antients, was either mediate, or immediate. I am (for example) in *Europe*, because I am in *England*; in *England*, because in *Wiltshire*; in *Wiltshire*, because in *Salisbury*; in *Salisbury*, because in *my own house*; in *my own house*, because in *my study*. Thus far MEDIATE PLACE. And what is my IMMEDIATE PLACE? It is the internal Bound of that containing Body (whatever it be) which co-incides with the external Bound of my own Body. Τὸς ὁμοίως τὸς πέρας, καθ' ὃ τοις τὸς πέρας. Now as this immediate Place is included within the limits of all the former Places, it is from this relation that those mediate Places also are called each of them *my Place*, tho' the least among them so far exceed my magnitude. To apply this to TIME. The *Present Century* is present in *the present Year*; that, in *the present Month*; that, in *the present Day*; that, in *the present Hour*; that, in *the present Minute*. It is thus by circumscription within circumscription that we arrive at THAT REAL AND INDIVISIBLE INSTANT, which by being itself the *very Essence of the Present* diffuses PRESENCE throughout all

nomination, is divisible and extended. But C. VII. if so, then whenever we suppose a definite Time, even though it be a Time present, it must needs have a Beginning, a Middle, and an End. And so much for TIME.

Now from the above doctrine of TIME, we propose by way of Hypothesis the following Theorie of TENSES.

THE TENSES are used to mark Present, Past, and Future Time, either *indefinitely*

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all even the largest of Times, which are found to include it within their respective limits. Nicephorus Blemmides speaks much to the same purpose. 'Ενεσώς ἐν χρόνος ἐσὶν ὁ ἐφ' ἐκάτερα παρακείμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ΝΤΝ· χρόνος μερικὸς, ἐκ παρελληλούθοτος καὶ μέλλοντος συνειδὼς, καὶ διὰ τὴν πρὸς τὸ κυρίῳ ΝΤΝ γεινίχσιν, ΝΤΝ λεγόμενος καὶ αὐλός. PRESENT TIME therefore is that which adjoins to the REAL Now or INSTANT on either side, being a limited Time made up of Past and Future, and from its vicinity to that REAL Now said to be Now also itself. 'Επί. Φυσικῆς Κεφ. θ'. See also Arist. Physic. L. VI. c. 2, 3, &c.

C. VII. without reference to any Beginning, Middle, or End ; or else *definitely*, in reference to such distinctions.

IF *indefinitely*, then have we THREE TENSES, an Aorist of the Present, an Aorist of the Past, and an Aorist of the Future. If *definitely*, then have we three Tenses to mark the *Beginnings* of these three Times ; three, to denote their *Middles* ; and three to denote their *Ends* ; in all NINE.

THE three first of these Tenses we call the Inceptive Present, the Inceptive Past, and the Inceptive Future. The three next, the Middle Present, the Middle Past, and the Middle Future. And the three last, the Completive Present, the Completive Past, and the Completive Future.

AND thus it is, that the TENSES in their natural number appear to be TWELVE ;  
*three*

three to denote *Time absolute*, and nine to C. VII. denote it under its respective distinctions.

Aorist of the Present.

Γράφω. *Scribo.* I write.

Aorist of the Past.

Ἐγράψα. *Scripsi.* I wrote.

Aorist of the Future.

Γράψω. *Scribam.* I shall write.

Inceptive Present.

Μέλλω γράφειν. *Scripturus sum.* I am going to write.

Middle or extended Present.

Τυγχάνω γράφων. *Scribo or Scribens sum.* I am writing.

Compleutive Present.

Γέγραφα. *Scripsi.* I have written.

Inceptive Past.

Ἐμελλον γράφειν. *Scripturus eram.* I was beginning to write.

Middle

C. VII. Middle or extended Past.

γραφον or ετύγχανον γράφων. *Scribebam.*  
I was writing.

Compleutive Past.

εγεγράφειν. *Scripseram.* I had done writing.

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Inceptive Future.

μελλήσω γράφειν. *Scripturus ero.* I shall be beginning to write.

Middle or extended Future.

εσομαι γράφων. *Scribens ero.* I shall be writing.

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Compleutive Future.

εσομαι γεγραφώς. *Scripsero.* I shall have done writing.

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IT is not to be expected that the above Hypothesis should be justified through all instances in every language. It fares with Tenses,

Tenses, as with other affections of speech; C. VII. be the Language upon the whole ever so ~~so~~ perfect, much must be left, in defiance of all analogy, to the harsh laws of mere authority and chance.

IT may not however be improper to inquire, what traces may be discovered in favour of this system, either in languages themselves, or in those authors who have written upon this part of Grammar, or lastly in the nature and reason of things.

IN the first place, as to AORISTS. *Aorists* are usually by Grammarians referred to the *Past*; such are  $\eta\lambda\theta\sigma$ , *I went*;  $\epsilon\pi\epsilon\sigma\sigma$ , *I fell*, &c. We seldom hear of them in the *Future*, and more rarely still in the *Present*. Yet it seems agreeable to reason, that wherever Time is signified without any farther circumscription, than that of Simple present, past, or future, the Tense is AN AORIST.

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C. VII. *THUS Milton,*

*Millions of spiritual creatures WALK the earth*

*Unseen, both when we wake, and when we sleep.*

P. L. IV. 277.

Here the verb (*WALK*) means not that they were walking *at that instant only*, when *Adam spoke*, but *ἀορίσως indefinitely*, take any instant whatever. So when the same author calls *Hypocrisy*,

—*the only Evil, that WALKS Invisible, except to God alone,*

the Verb (*WALKS*) hath the like *aoristical or indefinite application*. The same may be said in general of all Sentences of the *Gnomologic* kind, such as

*Ad pœnitendum PROPERAT, cito qui judicat.*

*Avarus, nisi cum moritur, nil recte FACIT, &c.*

ALL

ALL these Tenses are so many AORISTS C. VII.  
OF THE PRESENT.

Gnomologic Sentences after the same  
manner make likewise AORISTS OF THE  
FUTURE.

*Tu nihil ADMITTES in te, formidine  
pænae.* Hor.

So too *Legislative Sentences*, *Thou SHALT*  
*not kill*, *Thou SHALT not steal*, &c. for this  
means no one *particular* future Time, but  
is a prohibition extended *indefinitely* to  
every part of Time future (h).

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(h) The *Latin Tongue* appears to be more than ordi-  
narily deficient, as to the article of *Aorists*. It has no  
peculiar Form even for *an Aorist of the Past*, and there-  
fore (as *Priscian* tells us) the *Præteritum* is forced to do  
the double duty both of *that Aorist*, and of the *perfect*  
*Present*, its application in particular instances being to  
be

C. VII. WE pass from *Aorists*, to THE INCEP-  
 TIVE TENSES.

THESE may be found in part supplied (like many other Tenses) by verbs auxiliar. ΜΕΛΛΩ γράφειν. *Scripturus sum. I AM GOING to write.* But the *Latins* go farther, and have a species of Verbs, derived from others, which do the duty of these Tenses, and are themselves for that reason called *Inchoatives* or *Inceptives*. Thus from *Caleo*, *I am warm*, comes *Calesco*, *I begin to grow warm*; from *Tumeo*, *I swell*, comes *Tumesco*, *I begin to swell*. These *Inchoative* Verbs are so peculiarly appropriated to the *Beginnings* of Time, that they are defective as to all Tenses, which denote it in its *Completion*, and there-

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be gathered from the Context. Thus it is that *FECI* means (as the same author informs us) both *πεποίηναι* and *ποίησα*, *I have done it*, and *I did it*; *VIDI* both *ἴώπαναι* and *ἴδον*, *I have just seen it*, and *I saw it once*. *Prisc. Gram. L. VIII. p. 814, 838. Edit. Putsch.*

therefore have neither *Perfectum*, *Plus C. VII.* *quam-perfectum*, or *Perfect Future*. There is likewise a species of Verbs called in *Greek* Ἐφετικὰ, in *Latin* *Desiderativa*, the *Desideratives* or *Meditatives*, which if they are not strictly *Inceptives*, yet both in *Greek* and *Latin* have a near affinity with them. Such are πολεμησείω, *Bellaturio*, *I have a desire to make war*; βρωσείω, *Efurio*, *I long to eat* (i). And so much for THE **INCEPTIVE TENSES.**

THE two last orders of Tenses which remain, are those we called (k) THE MIDDLE TENSES (which express Time as *extended* and

(i) As all *Beginnings* have reference to what is *future*, hence we see how properly these Verbs are formed, the *Greek* ones from a future Verb, the *Latin* from a future Participle. From πολεμήσω and βρώσω come πολεμησείω and βρωσείω; from *Bellatus* and *Efurus* come *Bellaturio* and *Efurio*. See *Macrobius*, p 691. Ed. Var. ἢ πάντα γέ με νῦν δὴ ΓΕΛΑΣΕΙΟΝΤΑ εποίσας γελάσαι. *Plato in Phædone.*

(k) Care must be taken not to confound these *middle* Tenses, with the Tenses of those Verbs, which bear the same name among Grammarians.

C. VII. and *passing*) and the **PERFECT** or **COMPLETIVE**, which express its *Completion* or *End*.

Now for these the authorities are many. They have been acknowledged already in the ingenious Accidence of Mr. *Hoadly*, and explained and confirmed by Dr. *Samuel Clarke*, in his rational edition of *Homer's Iliad*. Nay, long before either of these, we find the same scheme in *Scaliger*, and by him (1) ascribed to † *Grocinus*, as its author. The learned *Gaza* (who

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(1) *Ex his percipimus Grocinum acutè admodum Tempora divisiſſe, sed minus commode. Tria enim constituit, ut nos, sed quæ bifariam ſecat, Perfectum & Imperfectum: ſic, Præteritum imperfectum, Amabam: Præteritum perfectum, Amaveram. Reētē ſanè. Et Præſens imperfectum, Amo. Reētē hactenus; continuat enim amorem, neque abſolvit. At Præſens perfectum, Amavi: quis hoc dicat?—De Futuro autem ut non malè ſentit, ita controverſum eſt. Futurum, inquit, imperfectum, Amabo: Perfectum, Amavero. Non malè, inquam: ſignificat enim Amavero, amorem futurum & abſolutum iri: Amabo perfectionem nullam indicat. De Caus. Ling. Lat. c. 113.*

† His Name was *William Grocin*, an *Englishman*, contemporary with *Erasmus*, and celebrated for his learning. He went to *Florence* to study under *Landin*, and was Professor at *Oxford*. *Spec. Lit. Flor.* p. 205.

(who was himself a *Greek*, and one of the C. VII. ablest restorers of that language in the western world) characterizes the Tenses in nearly the same manner (*m*). What *Apollonius* hints, is exactly consonant (*n*).

*Priscian*

(*m*) The PRESENT TENSE (as this Author informs us in his excellent Grammar) denotes τὸ ἐνισάμενον καὶ ἀτελὲς, *that which is now instant and incomplete*; THE PERFECTUM, τὸ παρεληλυθὸς ἄρτι, καὶ ἐντελὲς τὸ ἐνεσῶτος, *that which is now immediately past, and is the Completion of the Present*; THE IMPERFECTUM, τὸ παρελελαμένον καὶ ἀτελὲς τὸ παρωχημένος, *the extended and incomplete part of the Past*; and THE PLUSQUAM-PERFECTUM, τὸ παρεληλυθὸς πάλαι, καὶ εντελὲς τὸ παρακειμένος, *that which is past long ago, and is the completion of the præteritum*. Gram. L. IV.

(*n*) Ἐντεῦθεν δὲ πειθόμεθα, ὅτι εἰ παρωχημένος συντέλειαν σημαίνει ὡς παραπείμενος, τόν γε μὴν ἐνεσῶσαν — Hence we are persuaded that the Perfectum doth not signify the completion of the Past, but PRESENT COMPLETION. *Apollon.* L. III. c. 6. The Reason, which persuaded him to this opinion, was the application and use of the Particle *αὐ*, of which he was then treating, and which, as it denoted *Potentiality* or *Contingence*, would assort (he says) with any of the passing, extended, and incomplete Tenses, but never with this PERFECTUM, because this implied such a *complete* and *indefeasible existence*, as never to be qualified into the nature of a *Contingent*.

C. VII. *Priscian* too advances the same doctrine from the *Stoicks*, whose authority we esteem greater than all the rest, not only from the more early age when they lived, but from their superior skill in Philosophy, and their peculiar attachment to *Dialectic*, which naturally led them to great accuracy in these *Grammatical Speculations* (o).

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(o) By these Philosophers the *vulgar present Tense* was called THE IMPERFECT PRESENT, and the *vulgar Præteritum*, THE PERFECT PRESENT, than which nothing can be more consonant to the system that we favour. But let us hear *Priscian*, from whom we learn these facts. *PRÆSENS TEMPUS* *proprie dicitur*, *cujus pars jam præteriit, pars futura est*. *Cum enim Tempus, fluvii more, instabili volvatur cursu, vix punctum habere potest in præsenti, hoc est, in instanti. Maxima igitur pars ejus (sicut dictum est) vel præteriit vel futura est*.—*Unde STOICI jure HOC TEMPUS PRÆSENS etiam IMPERFECTUM vocabant (ut dictum est) eo quod prior ejus pars, quæ præteriit, transacta est, deest autem sequens, id est, futura. Ut si in medio versu dicam, scribo versum, priore ejus parte scriptâ; cui adhuc deest extrema pars, præsenti utor verbo, dicendo, scribo versum: sed IMPERFECTUM est, quod deest adhuc versui, quod scribatur—Ex eodem igitur Præsenti nascitur etiam Perfectum. Si enim ad finem perveniat incepsum, statim utimur PRÆTERITO PERFECTO; continuo enim, scripto ad finem versu, dico, scripsi versum*.—And soon after speaking of the *Latin Per-*

BEFORE we conclude; we shall add a C. VII. few miscellaneous observations, which will be more easily intelligible from the hypothesis here advanced, and serve withal to confirm its truth.

AND first the *Latins* used their *Præteritum Perfectum* in some instances after a very peculiar manner, so as to imply the very reverse of the verb in its natural signification. Thus, *VIXIT*, signified, IS DEAD; *FUIT*, signified, NOW IS NOT, IS NO MORE. It was in this sense that *Cicero* addressed the People of *Rome*, when he had put to death the leaders in the *Catilinarian Conspiracy*. He appeared in the

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*Perfectum*, he says—*sciendum tamen, quod Romani PRÆTERITO PERFECTO non solum in re modo completa utuntur, (in quo vim habet ejus, qui apud Græcos παρακείμενος vocatur, quem STOICI ΤΕΛΕΙΟΝ ΕΝΕΣΤΩΤΑ nominaverunt) sed etiam pro Ἀρχίσε accipitur, &c.* Lib. VIII. p. 812, 813, 814.

C.VII. Forum, and cried out with a loud voice,  
 ——\* *Vixerunt*. So *Virgil*,

— || *Fuimus Troes, fuit Ilium & ingens*

*Gloria Dardanidum* — AEn. II.

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\* So among the *Romans*, when in a Cause all the Pleaders had spoken, the Cryer used to proclaim *Dixerunt*, i. e. *they have done speaking*. Ascon. Pæd. in Verr. II.

|| So *Tibullus* speaking of certain Prodigies and evil Omens.

*Hæc fuerint olim. Sed tu, jam mitis, Apollo,*  
*Prodigia indomit is merge sub æquoribus.*

Eleg. II. 5. ver. 19.

Let these Events HAVE BEEN in days of old;—by Implication therefore—But HENCEFORTH let them be no more.

So *Eneas* in *Virgil* prays to *Phæbus*.

*Hac Trojana tenus fuerit fortuna secuta.*

Let Trojan Fortune (that is, adverse, like that of *Troy*, and its inhabitants,) HAVE so far FOLLOWED us. By implication therefore, but let it follow us no farther, Here let it end, *Hic sit Finis*, as *Servius* well observes in the place.

In which instances, by the way, mark not only the force of the *Tense*, but of the *Mood*, the PRECATIVE or IMPERATIVE, not in the *Future* but in the *PAST*. See p. 154, 155, 156.

And again,

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— *Locus Ardea quondam*  
*Dictus avis, & nunc magnum manet*  
*Ardea nomen,*  
*\* Sed fortuna FUIT* —      *Æn. VII.*

THE reason of these significations is derived from THE COMPLETIVE POWER of the Tense here mentioned. We see that the periods of Nature, and of human affairs are maintained by the reciprocal succession of *Contraries*. It is thus with Calm and Tempest; with Day and Night; with Prosperity and Adversity; with Glory and Ignominy; with Life and Death. Hence then, in the instances above, the *completion* of one contrary is put for the *commencement* of the other, and to say, HATH LIVED, or, HATH BEEN, has the same meaning with, IS DEAD, or, IS NO MORE.

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\* *Certus in hospitibus non est amor; errat, ut ipsi:*  
*Cumque nihil speres firmius esse, FUIT.*

Epist. Ovid. Helen. Paridi, ver. 190.

*Sive erimus, seu nos Fata FUISSE volent.*

Tibull. III. 5. 32.

C. VII. IT is remarkable in \* *Virgil*, that he frequently joins in the same sentence this complete and perfect *Present* with the extended and passing *Present*; which proves that he considered the two, as belonging to the same species of *Time*, and therefore naturally formed to co-incide with each other.

— *Tibi jam brachia contrahit ardens  
Scorpios, & cæli justâ plus parte reliquit.*

G. I.

*Terra tremit; fugere feræ* — G. I.

*Præsertim si tempestas a vertice sylvis.  
Incubuit, glomeratque ferens incendia  
ventus.*

G. II.

— *illa noto citius, volucrique sagittâ,  
Ad terram fugit, & portu se condidit  
alto.*

Æn. V.

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\* See also *Spencer's Fairy Queen*, B. I. C. 3. St. 19. C. 3. St. 39. C. 8. St. 9.

*He hath his Shield redeem'd, and forth his Sword he  
draws.*

IN the same manner he joins the same C. VII. two modifications of *Time in the Past*, that is to say, the *complete* and *perfect* Past with the *extended* and *passing*.

—Inruerant *Danai*, & tectum omne tenebant.      AEn. II.

*Tris imbris torti radios, tris nubis aquosæ Addiderant, rutuli tris ignis, & alitis austri.*

*Fulgores nunc terrificos, sonitumque metumque*

*Miscebant operi, flammisque sequacibus iras (p).*      AEn. VIII.

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(p) The Intention of *Virgil* may be better seen, in rendering one or two of the above passages into *English*.

—*Tibi jam brachia contrahit ardens Scorpios, & cœli justâ plus parte reliquit.*

For thee the scorpion IS NOW CONTRACTING his claws, and HATH ALREADY LEFT thee more than a just portion of Heaven. The Poet, from a high strain of poetic adulation, supposes the scorpion so desirous of admitting *Augustus* among the heavenly signs, that though he has already made him more than room enough, yet he still

C. VII. As to the IMPERFECTUM, it is sometimes employed to denote what is *usual* and *customary*. Thus *surgebat* and *scribebat* signify not only, *he was rising*, *he was writing*, but upon occasion they signify, *he USED to rise*, *he USED to write*. The reason of this is, that whatever is *customary*, must be something which has been *frequently repeated*. But what has been *frequently repeated*, must needs require *an Extension of Time past*, and thus we fall insensibly into the TENSE here mentioned.

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*continues* to be making him more. Here then we have two acts, one *perfect*, the other *pending*, and hence the use of the two different Tenses. Some editions read *relinquit*; but *reliquit* has the authority of the celebrated *Medicean* manuscript.

— *Illa noto citius, volucrique sagittâ,  
Ad terram fugit, & portu se condidit alto.*

*The ship, quicker than the wind, or a swift arrow, continues flying to land, and is hid within the lofty harbour.* We may suppose this Harbour, (like many others) to have been surrounded with high Land. Hence the Vessel, immediately on entering it, was *completely hid* from those spectators, who had gone out to see

AGAIN, we are told by *Pliny* (whose C. VII. authority likewise is confirmed by many ~~many~~ gems and marbles still extant) that the ancient painters and sculptors, when they fixed their names to their works, did it *pendenti titulo*, in a suspensive kind of *Inscription*, and employed for that purpose the Tense here mentioned. It was Ἀπελλῆς ἐποίει, *Apelles faciebat*, Πολύκλειτος ἐποίει, *Polycletus faciebat*, and never ἐποίησε or *fecit*. By this they imagined that they avoided the shew of arrogance, and had in case of censure an apology (as it were) prepared, since it appeared from the work itself, that *it was once indeed in hand*, but no pretension that *it was ever finished* (*q*).

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see the Ship-race, but yet might still continue sailing towards the shore within.

—Inruerant *Danai*, & tectum omne tenebant.

*The Greeks HAD ENTERED, and WERE THEN POSSES-  
SING the whole House*; as much as to say, *they had en-  
tered, and that was over*, but their Possession *continued still*.

(*q*) *Plin. Nat. Hist. L. I.* The first Printers (who were most of them Scholars and Critics) in imitation of

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C. VII. IT is remarkable that the very manner, in which the *Latins* derive these tenses from one another, shews a plain reference to the system here advanced. From the *passing Present* come the *passing Past*, and *Future*. *Scribo*, *Scribebam*, *Scribam*. From the *perfect Present* come the *perfect Past*, and *Future*. *Scripti*, *Scripseram*, *Scripsero*. And so in all instances, even where the verbs are irregular, as from *Fero* come *Ferebam* and *Feram*; from *Tuli* come *Tuleram* and *Tulero*.

WE shall conclude by observing, that the ORDER of the Tenses, as they stand ranged by the old Grammarians, is not a fortuitous Order, but is consonant to our perceptions, in the recognition of Time, according to what we have explained already

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the antient Artists used the same Tense. *Excudebat H. Stephanus. Excudebat Guil. Morelius. Absolvebat Joan. Benenatus*, which has been followed by Dr. *Taylor* in his late valuable edition of *Demosthenes*.

ready (r). Hence it is, that the *Present* C. VII, *Tense* stands first; then the *Past Tenses*; and lastly the *Future*.

AND now, having seen what authorities there are for Aorists, or those Tenses, which denote Time *indefinitely*; and what for those Tenses, opposed to Aorists, which mark it *definitely*, (such as the Inceptive, the Middle, and the Completive) we here finish the subject of TIME and TENSES, and proceed to consider THE VERB IN OTHER ATTRIBUTES, which it will be necessary to deduce from other principles.

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(r) See before p. 109, 110, 111, 112, 113. Scaliger's observation upon this occasion is elegant.—*Ordo autem (Temporum scil.) aliter est, quam natura eorum. Quod enim præteriit, prius est, quam quod est, itaque primo loco debere ponи videbatur. Verum, quod primo quoque tempore offertur nobis, id creat primas species in animo: quamobrem Præsens Tempus primum locum occupavit; est enim commune omnibus animalibus. Præteritum autem iis tantum, quæ memoriam prædicta sunt. Futurum vero etiam paucioribus, quippe quibus datum est prudentiae officium. De Caus. Ling. Lat. c. 113. See also Senecæ Epist. 124. Mutum animal sensu comprehendit præsentia; præteritorum, &c.*

## C H A P. VIII.

## Concerning Modes.

C.VIII. **W**E have observed already (*a*) that the Soul's leading powers are those of *Perception* and those of *Volition*, which words we have taken in their most comprehensive acceptation. We have observed also, that *all Speech or Discourse* is a *publishing* or exhibiting some part of our soul, either a certain *Perception*, or a certain *Volition*. Hence then, according as we exhibit it either in *a different part*, or after *a different manner*, hence I say the variety of **MODES** or **Moods**. (*b*).

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(*a*) See Chapter II.

(*b*) *Gaza* defines a Mode exactly consonant to this doctrine. He says it is—βέλημα, εἰς τὸν ωδίημα ψυχῆς, διὰ φωνῆς σημανόμενον—a *Volition* or *Affection of the Soul, signified through some Voice, or Sound articulate.* Gram. L. IV. As therefore this is the nature of Modes, and Modes belong to Verbs, hence it is *Apollo-nius*

IF we simply *declare*, or *indicate* some- C.VIII.  
thing to be, or not to be, (whether a Per- cep-  
ception or Volition, it is equally the same)  
this constitutes that Mode called the DE-  
CLARATIVE or INDICATIVE.

A Perception.

—*Nosco crinis, incanaque menta*  
*Regis Romani*— Virg. *Æn.* VI.

A Volition.

*In nova FERT ANIMUS mutatas dicere*  
*formas*  
*Corpora*— Ovid. *Metam.* I.

IF we do not strictly assert, as of some-  
thing absolute and certain, but as of some-  
thing *possible* only, and in the number of

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nius observes—*τοῖς ἀρμασιν ἔχαιρέτως ταράνεται ή ψυ-*  
*χικὴ διάθεσις*—the Soul's disposition is in an eminent de-  
gree attached to Verbs. De Synt. L. III. c. 13. Thus  
too Priscian: *Modi sunt diversæ INCLINATIONES*  
*ANIMI, quas varia consequitur DECLINATIO VERBI.*  
L. VIII. p. 821.

C. VIII. *Contingents*, this makes that Mode, which  
 Grammarians call the **POTENTIAL**; and  
 which becomes on such occasions the leading  
 Mode of the sentence.

*Sed tacitus passi si posset Corvus, HAB-  
 BERET*

*Plus dapis, &c.* Hor.

YET sometimes it is not the leading Mode, but only *subjoined* to the **Indicative**. In such case, it is mostly used to denote the *End*, or *final Cause*; which End, as in human Life it is always a **Contingent**, and may never perhaps happen in despite of all our foresight, is therefore *exprest* most naturally by the Mode here mentioned. For example,

*Ut JUGULENT homines, surgunt de nocte  
 latrones.* Hor.

*Thieves rise by night, that they may cut  
 mens throats.*

HERE

HERE that they *rise*, is *positively asserted* C.VIII. in the *Declarative* or *Indicative* Mode; but as to their cutting mens throats, this is only delivered *potentially*, because how truly soever it may be the *End* of their rising, it is still but a *Contingent*, that may never perhaps happen. This Mode, as often as it is in this manner subjoined, is called by Grammarians not the *Potential*, but **THE SUBJUNCTIVE**.

BUT it so happens, in the constitution of human affairs, that it is not always sufficient merely *to declare* ourselves to others. We find it often expedient, from a consciousness of our inability, to address them after a manner more interesting to ourselves, whether to have *some Perception informed*, or *some Volition gratified*. Hence then new Modes of speaking; if we *interrogate*, it is the **INTERROGATIVE MODE**; if we *require*, it is the **REQUISITIVE**. Even the *Requisitive* itself hath its *subordinate Species*: With respect to inferiors, it is an **IMPERATIVE MODE**; with respect to equals

C. VIII. equals and superiors, it is a PRECATIVE or  
 OPTATIVE \*.

AND thus have we established a variety of Modes; the INDICATIVE or DECLARATIVE, to assert what we think certain; the POTENTIAL, for the Purposes of whatever we think Contingent; THE INTERROGATIVE, when we are doubtful, to procure us Information; and THE REQUISITIVE, to assist us in the gratification of our Volitions. The Requisitive too appears under two distinct Species, either as it is IMPERATIVE to inferiors, or PRECATIVE to superiors (c).

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\* It was the confounding of this Distinction, that gave rise to a Sophism of *Protagoras*. *Homer* (says he) in beginning his *Iliad* with—*Sing, Muse, the Wrath*,—when he thinks to *pray*, in reality commands. *εὐχεσθαι οἴμενος, ἐπιτάτλει*. Aristot. *Poet.* c. 19. The Solution is evident from the Division here established, the Grammatical Form being in both cases the same.

(c) The Species of *Modes* in great measure depend on the Species of *Sentences*. The *Stoicks* increased the number of *Sentences* far beyond the *Peripatetics*. Besides those mentioned in Chapter II. Note (b) they had

As therefore all these several Modes C.VIII: have their foundation in nature, so have —  
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many more, as may be seen in *Ammonius de Interpret.* p. 4. and *Diogenes Laertius*, L. VII. 66. The Peripatetics (and it seems too with reason) considered all these additional Sentences as included within those, which they themselves acknowledged, and which they made to be five in number, the Vocative, the Imperative, the Interrogative, the Precative, and the Assertive. There is no mention of a *Potential Sentence*, which may be supposed to co-incide with the Assertive, or Indicative. The Vocative (which the Peripatetics called the *εἶδος κλητικὸν*, but the Stoics more properly *προσαγόρευτικὸν*) was nothing more than the Form of address in point of names, titles, and epithets, with which we apply ourselves one to another. As therefore it seldom included any Verb within it, it could hardly contribute to form a verbal Mode. *Ammonius* and *Boethius*, the one a Greek Peripatetic, the other a *Latin*, have illustrated the Species of Sentences from *Homēr* and *Virgil*, after the following manner.

Ἄλλα τὰ λόγια πέντε εἰδῶν, τὰ τε ΚΛΗΤΙΚΟΤ, ὡς τὸ;

\*Ω μάλαρ Ἀτρίδη —

\*τὰ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΚΤΙΚΟΤ, ὡς τὸ;

Βάσκ' Ίθι, Ἰει ταχεῖα —

C. VIII. certain marks or signs or them been introduced into languages, that we may be enabled

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καὶ τὰς ἘΡΩΤΗΜΑΤΙΚΟΥ, ὡς τὸ,  
Τίς, πόθεν εἴς ἀνδρῶν; —  
καὶ τὰς ἘΤΚΤΙΚΟΥ, ὡς τὸ,  
Ἄς γὰρ Ζεῦ τε πάτερ —  
καὶ ἐπὶ τέτοις, τὰς ἈΠΟΦΑΝΤΙΚΟΥ, καθ' ὃν ἀπο-  
Φαινόμεθα περὶ ὄτους τῶν πραγμάτων, σῖον  
— Θεοὶ δέ τε πάντα ἴσασι —  
ἢ περὶ παντὸς, &c. Εἰς τὸ περὶ Ἐρμ. p. 4.

Boethius's Account is as follows. *Perfectarum vero  
Orationum partes quinque sunt: DEPRECATIVA, ut,  
Jupiter omnipotens, precibus si flecteris ullis,  
Da deinde auxilium, Pater, atque hæc omnia firma.*

**IMPERATIVA, ut,**  
*Vade age, Nata, voca Zephyros, & labere pennis.*

**INTERROGATIVA, ut.**  
*Dic mihi, Damæta, cujum pecus?* —

**VOCATIVA, ut,**  
*O! Pater, O! hominum rerumque æterna potestas.*

**ENUNTIATIVA, in quâ Veritas vel Falsitas invenitur, ut,**  
*Principio arboribus varia est natura creandis.*  
Boeth. in Lib. de Interp. p. 291.

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enabled by our discourse to signify them, C.VIII.  
 one to another. And hence those various  
 MODES or MOODS, of which we find in  
 common Grammars so prolix a detail, and  
 which are in fact no more than “so many  
 “ *literal Forms*, intended to express these  
 “ *natural Distinctions*” (d).

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In *Milton* the same Sentences may be found, as follows. THE PRECATIVE,

—*Universal Lord ! be bounteous still  
 To give us only Good* —

THE IMPERATIVE,

*Go then, Thou mightiest, in thy Father's might.*

THE INTERROGATIVE,

*Whence, and what art thou, execrable Shape ?*

THE VOCATIVE,

—*Adam, earth's hallow'd Mold,  
 Of God inspir'd* —

THE ASSERTIVE OR ENUNCIATIVE,

*The conquer'd also and enslav'd by war  
 Shall, with their freedom lost, all virtue lose.*

(d) The Greek Language, which is of all the most elegant and complete, expresses these several Modes,

C.VIII. ALL these MODES have this in common, that they exhibit some way or other the

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and all distinctions of Time likewise, by an adequate number of Variations in each particular Verb. These Variations may be found, some at the beginning of the Verb, others at its ending, and consist for the most part either in *multiplying* or *diminishing* the number of Syllables, or else in *lengthening* or *shortening* their respective Quantities, which two methods are called by Grammarians the *Syllabic* and the *Temporal*. The *Latin*, which is but a Species of *Greek* somewhat debased, admits in like manner a large portion of those Variations, which are chiefly to be found at the Ending of its Verbs, and but rarely at their Beginning. Yet in its Deponents and Passives it is so far defective, as to be forced to have recourse to the *Auxiliar, sum*. The modern Languages, which have still fewer of those Variations, have been necessitated all of them to assume two Auxiliars at least, that is to say, those which express in each Language the Verbs, *Have*, and *Am*. As to the *English* Tongue, it is so poor in this respect, as to admit no Variation for Modes, and only one for Time, which we apply to express an Aorist of the Past. Thus from *Write* cometh *Wrote*; from *Give*, *Gave*, from *Speak*, *Spake*, &c. Hence to express Time, and Modes, we are compelled to employ no less than seven Auxiliars, viz. *Do*, *Am*, *Have*, *Shall*, *Will*, *May*, and *Can*; which we use sometimes singly, as when we say, *I am writing*,

the SOUL and its AFFECTIONS. Their C.VIII.  
Peculiarities and Distinctions are in part, —  
as follows.

THE REQUISITIVE and INTERROGA-  
TIVE MODES are distinguished from *the*  
*Indicative* and *Potential*, that whereas these  
*last* seldom call for a *Return*, to the two  
*former* it is *always* necessary.

IF we compare THE REQUISITIVE  
MODE with THE INTERROGATIVE, we  
shall find these also distinguished, and that  
not only in the *Return*, but in other Pe-  
culiarities.

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ing, I *have* written ; sometimes two together, as, I  
*have been* writing, I *should have* written ; sometimes no  
less than three, as I *might have been* lost, he *could have*  
*been* preserved. But for these, and all other specula-  
tions, relative to the *Genius* of the *English* Language,  
we refer the reader, who wishes for the most authen-  
tic information, to that excellent Treatise of the learned  
Dr. Lowth, intitled, *A short Introduction to English*  
*Grammar*.

C.VIII. *The Return to the Requisitive is sometimes made in Words, sometimes in Deeds.*  
 To the Request of *Dido to Eneas*—

—*a primâ dic, hospes, origine nobis  
 Insidias Danâum*—

the proper Return was in *Words*, that is, in an historical Narrative. To the Request of the unfortunate Chief—*date obolum Belisario*—the proper Return was in a Deed, that is, in a charitable Relief. But with respect to the *Interrogative*, the Return is necessarily made in *Words alone*, in Words, which are called a *Response* or *Answer*, and which are always actually or by implication some *definitive assertive Sentence*. Take Examples. *Whose Verses are these?*—the Return is a Sentence—*These are Verses of Homer.* *Was Brutus a worthy Man?*—the Return is a Sentence—*Brutus was a worthy Man.*

AND hence (if we may be permitted to digress) we may perceive the

the near affinity of this *Interrogative Mode* C.VIII. with the *Indicative*, in which last its Response or Return is mostly made. So near indeed is this Affinity, that in these two Modes alone the Verb retains the same Form (*e*), nor are they otherwise distinguished, than either by the Addition or Absence of some small particle, or by some minute change in the collocation of the words, or sometimes only by a change in the Tone, or Accent (*f*).

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(*e*) "Ηγε τὸν προκειμένην ὁριστὴν ἔγκλισις, τὴν ἔγκειμένην κατάφασιν ἀποβάλλεσσα, μεθίσαται τὴν παλεῖσθαι ὁριστὴν—ἀναπληρωθεῖσα δὲ τῆς καταφάσεως, ὑπερέφει εἰς τὸ εἶναι ὁριστὴν. The *Indicative Mode*, of which we speak, by laying aside that *Assertion*, which by its nature it implies, quits the name of *Indicative*—when it reassumes the *Assertion*, it returns again to its proper Character. Apoll. de Synt. L. III. c. 21. Theodore Gaza says the same, *Introd. Gram.* L. IV.

(*f*) It may be observed of the **INTERROGATIVE**, that as often as the *Interrogation* is *simple* and *definite*, the Response may be made in almost the *same* Words,

C.VIII. BUT to return to our comparison between the *Interrogative Mode* and the *Requisitive*.

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by converting them into a sentence affirmative or negative, according as the Truth is either one or the other. For example—*Are these Verses of Homer?*—Response—*These Verses are of Homer.* *Are those Verses of Virgil?*—Response—*Those are not Verses of Virgil.* And here the Artists of Language, for the sake of brevity and dispatch, have provided two Particles, to represent all such Responses, Yes, for all the affirmative; No, for all the negative.

But when the *Interrogation* is *complex*, as when we say—*Are these Verses of Homer, or of Virgil?*—much more, when it is *indefinite*, as when we say in general—*Whose are these Verses?*—we cannot then respond after the manner above mentioned. The Reason is, that no *Interrogation* can be answered by a simple Yes, or a simple No, except only those, which are themselves so simple, as of two possible answers to admit only one. Now the least complex *Interrogation* will admit of four Answers, two affirmative, two negative, if not perhaps of more. The reason is, a complex *Interrogation* cannot consist of less than two simple ones; each of which may be separately affirmed and separately denied. For

instance,

THE INTERROGATIVE (in the language of Grammarians) has all *Persons* ~~and~~  
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instance—*Are these Verses Homer's, or Virgil's?* (1.) *They are Homer's*—(2.) *They are not Homer's*—(3.) *They are Virgil's*—(4.) *They are not Virgil's*—we may add, (5.) *They are of neither*. The indefinite Interrogations go still farther; for these may be answered by infinite affirmatives, and infinite negatives. For instance—*Whose are these Verses?* We may answer affirmatively—*They are Virgil's, They are Horace's, They are Ovid's, &c.*—or negatively—*They are not Virgil's, They are not Horace's, They are not Ovid's*, and so on, either way to infinity. How then should we learn from a single *Yes*, or a single *No*, which particular is meant among infinite Possibles? These therefore are Interrogations which must be always answered by a *Sentence*. Yet even here Custom has consulted for Brevity, by returning for Answer only the *single essential characteristic Word*, and retrenching by an Ellipsis all the rest, which rest the Interrogator is left to supply from himself. Thus when we are asked—*How many right angles equal the angles of a triangle?*—we answer in the short monosyllable, *Two*; whereas, without the Ellipsis, the answer would have been—*Two right angles equal the angles of a triangle.*

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C. VIII. of both *Numbers*. The *REQUISITIVE* or *IMPERATIVE* has no *first Person* of the *singular*, and that from this plain reason, that it is equally absurd in *Modes* for a person to *request* or *give commands to himself*, as it is in *Pronouns*, for the speaker to become *the subject of his own address*\*.

AGAIN, we may *interrogate* as to all *Times*, both *Present*, *Past*, and *Future*. *Who was Founder of Rome?* *Who is King of China?* *Who will discover the Longitude?*—But *Intreating* and *Commanding* (which are the essence of the

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The Antients distinguished these two Species of *Interrogation* by different names. The simple they called 'Ερώτημα, *Interrogatio*; the complex, πύσμα, *Percontatio*. *Ammonius* calls the first of these 'Ερώτησις διαλεκτική; the other, 'Ερώτησις πυσματική. See *Am.* in *Lib. de Interpr.* p. 160. *Diog. Laert.* VII. 66. *Quintil. Inst.* IX. 2.

\* *Sup. p. 74, 75.*

Requisitive Mode) have a necessary respect to the Future (g) only. For indeed what

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(g) *Apollonius's Account of the Future*, implied in all Imperatives, is worth observing. 'Επὶ γὰρ μὴ γνομένοις ἢ μὴ γεγονόσιν ἡ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΞΙΣ· τὰ δὲ μὴ γνομένα ἢ μὴ γεγονότα, ἐπιτηδειότητα δὲ ἔχοντα εἰς τὸ ἔσεσθαι, ΜΕΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ ἐσι. A COMMAND has respect to those things which either are not doing, or have not yet been done. But those things, which being not now doing, or having not yet been done, have a natural aptitude to exist hereafter, may be properly said to appertain to THE FUTURE. *De Syntaxi*, L. I. c. 36. Soon before this he says—“Απαντα τὰ προσακλικὰ ἔγκειμένην ἔχει τὴν τε μέλλοντος διάθεσιν—χρηδὸν γὰρ ἐν ἵσῳ ἐσὶ τὸ, Ο ΤΥΡΑΝΝΟΚΤΟΝΗΣΑΣ ΤΙΜΑΣΩΩ, τῷ, ΤΙΜΗΘΗΣΕΤΑΙ, κατὰ τὴν χρόνια ἔνοιαν” τῇ ἐκκλίσει διηλλαχός, καθὸ τὸ μὲν προσακλικὸν, τὸ δὲ ὄρισικόν. All IMPERATIVES have a disposition within them, which respects THE FUTURE—with regard therefore to TIME, it is the same thing to say, LET HIM, THAT KILLS A TYRANT, BE HONOURED, or, HE, THAT KILLS ONE, SHALL BE HONOURED ; the difference being only in the Mode, in as much as one is IMPERATIVE, the other INDICATIVE or Declarative. *Apoll. de Syntaxi*, L. I. c. 35. *Priscian* seems to allow Imperatives a share of Present Time, as well as Future. But if we attend, we shall find his Present to be

C.VIII. what have they to do with the present or  
 the past, the natures of which are im-  
 mutable and necessary?

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be nothing else than *an immediate Future*, as opposed to a more distant one. *Imperativus vero Præsens & Futurum [Tempus] naturali quâdam necessitate videtur posse accipere. Ea etenim imperamus, quæ vel in præsenti statim volumus fieri sine aliquâ dilatione, vel in futuro.* Lib. VIII. p. 806.

It is true the *Greeks* in their Imperatives admit certain Tenses of the Past, such as those of the *Perfectum*, and of the two *Aorists*. But then these Tenses, when so applied, either totally lose their *temporary Character*, or else are used to insinuate such a *Speed of execution*, that the deed should be (as it were) *done*, in the very instant when *commanded*. The same difference seems to subsist between our *English* Imperative, *BE GONE*, and those others of, *Go*, or *BE GOING*. The first (if we please) may be styled *the Imperative of the Perfectum*, as calling in the very instant for the completion of our Commands; the others may be styled *Imperatives of the Future*, as allowing a reasonable time to begin first, and finish afterward.

It is thus *Apollonius*, in the Chapter first cited, distinguishes between *σκαπτίετω τὰς ἄμπελας*, *Go to digging the Vines*, and *σκαψάτω τὰς ἄμπελας*, *Get the Vines dug.*

IT is from this connection of *Futurity* C.VIII. with *Commands*, that the *Future Indicative* is sometimes used for the *Imperative*, and that to say to any one, You SHALL DO THIS, has often the same force with the *Imperative*, Do THIS. So in the Decalogue—THOU SHALT NOT KILL—THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS

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dug. The first is spoken (as he calls it) *εἰς ταρατασιν*, by way of *Extension*, or allowance of Time for the work; the second, *εἰς συντελείωσιν*, with a view to immediate Completion. And in another place, explaining the difference between the same Tenses, *Συάπτε* and *Συάψον*, he says of the last, *ἢ μόνον τὸ μὴ γενόμενον ἡροσάσσει, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ γενόμενον ἐν ταρατάσσει ἀπαγορεύει*, that it not only commands something, which has not been yet done, but forbids also that, which is now doing in an Extension, that is to say, in a slow and lengthened progress. Hence, if a man has been a long while writing, and we are willing to hasten him, it would be wrong to say in Greek, ΓΡΑΦΕ, WRITE (for that he is now, and has been long doing) but ΓΡΑΨΟΝ, GET YOUR WRITING DONE; MAKE NO DELAYS. See *Apoll.* L. III. c. 24. See also *Macrobius de Diff. Verb. Græc. & Lat.* p. 680. *Edit. Varior.* *Latini non aſtimaverunt, &c.*

C.VIII. WITNESS—which denote (we know)  
the strictest and most authoritative Com-  
mands.

As to the POTENTIAL MODE, it is distinguished from all the rest, by its *sub-ordinate* or *subjunctive* Nature. It is also farther distinguished from the *Requisitive* and *Interrogative*, by implying a kind of feeble and weak *Affection*, and so becoming in some degree susceptible of Truth and Falshood. Thus, if it be said potentially, *This may be*, or, *This might have been*, we may remark without absurdity, *It is true*, or *It is false*. But if it be said, *Do this*, meaning, *Fly to Heaven*, or, *Can this be done?* meaning, *to square the Circle*, we cannot say in either case, *it is true* or *it is false*, though the Command and the Question are about things impossible. Yet still the *Potential* does not aspire to the *Indicative*, because it implies but a *dubious* and *conjectural* *Affection*,

Assertion, whereas that of the Indicative C.VIII.  
is absolute, and without reserve.

THIS therefore (the INDICATIVE I mean) is the Mode, which, as in all Grammars it is the first in order, so is truly first both in dignity and use. It is this, which publishes our sublimest perceptions; which exhibits the Soul in her purest Energies, superior to the Imperfection of desires and wants; which includes the whole of *Time*, and its minutest distinctions; which, in its various *Past* Tenses, is employed by History, to preserve to us the Remembrance of former Events; in its *Futures* is used by Prophecy, or (in default of this) by wise Foresight, to instruct and forewarn us, as to that which is coming; but above all in its *Present* Tense serves Philosophy and the Sciences, by just Demonstrations to establish *necessary Truth*; THAT TRUTH, which from its nature only exists

C.VIII. *is in the Present*; which knows no distinctions either of Past or of Future, but is every where and always invariably one (h).

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(b) See the quotation, Note (c), Chapter the Sixth.  
*Cum enim dicimus, DEUS EST, non eum dicimus nunc esse, sed, &c.*

*Boethius*, author of the sentiment there quoted, was by birth a *Roman* of the first quality; by religion, a *Christian*; and by philosophy, a *Platonic* and *Peripatetic*; which two *Sects*, as they sprang from the same *Source*, were in the latter ages of antiquity commonly adopted by the same Persons, such as *Themistius*, *Porphyry*, *Iamblichus*, *Ammonius*, and others. There were no *Sects* of *Philosophy*, that lay greater Stress on the distinction between things existing *in Time* and *not in Time*, than the two above-mentioned. The *Doctrine* of the *Peripatetics* on this *Subject* (since it is these that *Boethius* here follows) may be partly understood from the following *Sketch*.

“ THE THINGS, THAT EXIST IN TIME, are  
 “ those whose Existence Time can measure. But if their  
 “ Existence may be measured by Time, then there  
 “ may be assumed a Time greater than the Existence  
 “ of any one of them, as there may be assumed a  
 “ number greater than the greatest multitude, that is  
 “ capable

THROUGH all the above Modes, with C.VIII.  
their respective Tenses, the Verb being con-

“ capable of being numbered. And hence it is that  
“ *things temporary* have their Existence, as it were li-  
“ mited by Time ; that they are confined within it, as  
“ within some bound ; and that in some degree or other  
“ they *all submit to its power*, according to those com-  
“ mon Phrases, that *Time is a destroyer* ; that *things*  
“ *decay through Time* ; that *men forget in Time, and lose*  
“ *their abilities*, and seldom that they improve, or grow  
“ young, or beautiful. The truth indeed is, *Time al-*  
“ *ways attends Motion*. Now the natural effect of Mo-  
“ *tion is to put something, which now is, out of that*  
“ *state, in which it now is*, and so far therefore to de-  
“ *stroy that state*.

“ The reverse of all this holds with **THINGS THAT**  
“ **EXIST ETERNALLY**. These exist *not in Time*, be-  
“ cause Time is so far from being able to measure their  
“ Existence, that *no Time can be assumed, which their*  
“ *Existence doth not surpass*. To which we may add,  
“ that they *feel none of its effects*, being no way ob-  
“ noxious either to damage or dissolution.

“ To instance in examples of either kind of Being.  
“ There are such things at this instant, as *Stonehenge*  
“ and the *Pyramids*. It is likewise true at this instant,  
“ that the *Diameter of the square is commensurable*  
“ *with its side*. What then shall we say ? Was there

C.VIII. considered as denoting an ATTRIBUTE,   
 —— has always reference to some Person, or  
 SUBSTANCE. Thus if we say, *Went*, or,  
*Go*, or *Whither goeth*, or, *Might have gone*,  
 we must add a Person or Substance, to  
 make the Sentence complete. Cicero  
*went*; Cæsar *might have gone*; *whither*  
*goeth the Wind? Go! Thou Traitor!* But  
 there is a Mode or Form, under which  
 Verbs sometimes appear, where they have  
 no reference at all to Persons or Sub-  
 stances. For example—*To eat is pleasant*;  
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“ ever a Time, when it was *not incommensurable*, as  
 “ it is certain there was a Time, when there was no  
 “ Stonehenge, or Pyramids? or is it *daily growing less*  
 “ *incommensurable*, as we are assured of Decays in both  
 “ those massy Structures?” From these unchangeable  
 Truths, we may pass to their Place, or Region; to the  
 unceasing Intellection of the universal Mind, ever per-  
 fect, ever full, knowing no remissions, languors, &c.  
 See *Nat. Auct. L. IV. c. 19. Metaph. L. XIV. c. 6, 7,*  
*8, 9, 10. Edit. Du Val. and Vol. I. p. 262. Note VII.*  
 The following Passage may deserve Attention.

Τῶ γάρ Νοῦ ὁ μὲν νοεῖν πέφυκεν, καὶ μὴ νοῶν· ὁ δὲ καὶ πέφυκε, οὐ  
 νοεῖ. ἀλλὰ καὶ ἔντος δύππα τέλεος, ἀν μὴ προσθῆται αὐτῷ τὸ καὶ νοεῖν  
 αῖτι, καὶ πάντα νοεῖν, καὶ μὴ ἀλλοτε ἀλλα. ἀγε εἰπεὶ ἀν ἔντελέστατος ὁ  
 νοῶν αῖτι καὶ πάντα, καὶ ἄμα. Max. Tyr. Diff. XVII. p. 201.  
 Ed. Lond.

but *to fast* is wholesome. Here the Verbs, *To C. VIII.* *eat*, and, *To fast*, stand alone by themselves, nor is it requisite or even practicable to prefix a Person or Substance. Hence the *Latin* and modern Grammarians have called Verbs under this Mode, from this their indefinite nature, **INFINITIVES**. *Sanctius* has given them the name of *Impersonals*; and the Greeks that of *Απαρέμφατα*, from the same reason of their *not discovering* either Person or Number.

THESE **INFINITIVES** go farther. They not only lay aside the character of *Attributives*, but they also assume that of *Substantives*; and as such themselves become distinguished with their several *Attributes*. Thus in the instance above, *Pleasant* is the *Attribute*, attending the Infinitive, *To Eat*; *Wholesome* the attribute attending the Infinitive, *To Fast*. Examples in *Greek* and *Latin* of like kind are innumerable.

*Dulce & decorum est pro patria MORI.*  
*SCIRE tuum nihil est—*

C.VIII. 'Οu κατθανεῖν γὰρ δεινὸν, ἀλλ' αἰσχρῶς  
θανεῖν (i).

THE Stoics in their grammatical inquiries had this Infinitive in such esteem, that they

(i) It is from the INFINITIVE thus participating the nature of a Noun or Substantive, that the best Grammarians have called it sometimes Ὀνομα ῥηματικὸν, A VERBAL NOUN; sometimes Ὀνομα ῥῆματος, THE VERB'S NOUN. The Reason of this Appellation is in Greek more evident, from its taking the prepositive Article before it in all cases; τὸ γράφειν, τῷ γράφειν, τῷ γράφειν. The same construction is not unknown in English.

Thus Spencer,

*For not to have been dipt in Lethe lake,  
Could save the Son of Thetis FROM to DIE—*

ἀπὸ τῷ θανεῖν. In like manner we say, *He did it, to be rich*, where we must supply by an Ellipsis the Preposition, FOR. *He did it, for to be rich*, the same as if we had said, *He did it for gain*—ἐνεκα τῷ πλοτεῖν, ἐνεκα τῷ κέρδει—*in French, pour s'enricher*. Even when we speak such Sentences, as the following, *I choose TO PHILOSOPHIZE, rather than TO BE RICH*, τὸ φιλοσοφεῖν βέλομαι, ἡπερ τὸ πλοτεῖν, the Infinitives are in nature as much Accusatives, as if we were to say, *I choose PHILOSOPHY rather than RICHES*, τὴν

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they held this alone to be the genuine C. VIII. PHMA or VERB, a name, which they denied to all the other Modes. Their reasoning was, they considered the true verbal character to be contained *simple* and *unmixed* in the *Infinitive only*. Thus the Infinitives, Περιπάλεῖν, *Ambulare*, *To walk*, mean *simply* that energy, and *nothing more*. The other Modes, besides expressing this energy, *superadd certain Affections*, which respect persons and circumstances. Thus *Ambulo* and *Ambula* mean not simply *To walk*, but mean, *I walk*, and, *Walk Thou*.

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Φιλοσοφίαν βέλομαι, ἵπερ τὸν πλεῖτον. Thus too Priscian, speaking of *Infinitives*—CURRERE enim est CURSUS; & SCRIBERE, SCRIPTURA; & LEGERE, LECTIO. Itaque frequentur & Nominibus adjunguntur, & aliis casuibus, more Nominum; ut Persius,

Sed pulcrum est digito monstrari, & dicier, hic est.

And soon after—Cum enim dico, BONUM EST LEGERE, nihil aliud significo, nisi, BONA EST LECTIO. L. XVIII. p. 1130. See also Apoll. L. I. c. 8. Gaza Gram. L. IV. Τὸ δὲ ἀπαρέμφατον, ὅνομά ἔστι πίματος κ. τ. λ.

C.VIII. And hence they are all of them resolvable into the *Infinitive*, as their *Prototype*, together with some sentence or word, expressive of their proper *Character*. *Ambulo*, *I walk*; that is, *Indico me ambulare*, *I declare myself to walk*. *Ambula*, *Walk Thou*; that is, *Impera te ambulare*, *I command thee to walk*; and so with the Modes of every other species. Take away therefore the *Assertion*, the *Command*, or whatever else gives a *Character* to any one of these Modes, and there remains nothing more than THE MERE *INFINITIVE*, which (as *Priscian* says) *significat ipsam rem, quam continet Verbum* (k).

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(k) See *Apollon.* L. III. 13. Καθόλες τῶν ταρπυμένον ἀπό τίνος κ. τ. λ. See also *Gaza*, in the note before. *Igitur a Constructione quoque Vim rei Verborum (id est, Nominis, quod significat ipsam rem) habere INFINITIVUM possimus discernere*; res autem in Personas distributa facit alios verbi motus.—*Itaque omnes modi in hunc, id est, Infinitivum, transsumuntur sive resolvuntur.* *Prisc.* L. XVIII. p. 1131. From these Principles *Apollonius* calls the *Infinitive* Πῆμα γενικώτατον, and *Priscian*, *Verbum generale*.

THE application of this Infinitive is C.VIII. somewhat singular. It *naturally coalesces* with all those Verbs, that denote any *Tendency, Desire, or Volition of the Soul*, but not readily with others. Thus it is sense as well as syntax, to say *βάλομαι ζῆν*, *Cupio vivere*, *I desire to live*; but not to say *Ἐσθίω ζῆν*, *Edo vivere*, or even in *English*, *I eat to live*, unless by an Ellipsis, instead of *I eat for to live*; as we say *ενεκα τὰ ζῆν*, or *pour vivre*. The reason is, that though *different Actions* may unite in the *same Subject*, and therefore be coupled together (as when we say, *He walked and discoursed*) yet the Actions notwithstanding remain separate and distinct. But it is not so with respect to *Volitions*, and *Actions*. Here the coalescence is often so intimate, that the *Volition* is unintelligible, till the *Action* be express. *Cupio, Volo, Desidero—I desire, I am willing, I want—What?*—The sentences, we see, are defective and imperfect.

We must help them then by *Infinitives*, C.VIII. which express the proper Actions to which they tend. *Cupio legere, Volo discere, Desidero videre, I desire to read, I am willing to live, I want to see.* Thus is the whole rendered complete, as well in sentiment, as in syntax (1).

AND so much for MODES, and their several SPECIES. We are to attempt to denominate them according to their most eminent characters, it may be done in the following manner. As every necessary truth, and every demonstrative syllogism (which last is no more than a combination of such truths) must always be express under positive assertions, and as positive

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(1) *Priscian* calls these Verbs, which naturally precede Infinitives, *Verba Voluntativa*; they are called in Greek. Προαιρετικά. See L. XVIII. 1129. but more particularly see *Apollonius*, L. III. c. 13. where this whole doctrine is explained with great Accuracy. See also *Macrobius de Diff. Verb. Gr. & Lat.* p. 685. *Ed. Var.*

— *Nec omne ἀπαιρέμφατον cuiuscunque Verbo, &c.*

sitive assertions only belong to the *Indicative*—C.VIII. *C. VIII.*  
*negative*, we may denominate it for that reason the MODE OF SCIENCE (*m*). Again, as the *Potential* is only conversant about *Contingents*, of which we cannot say with certainty that they will happen or not, we may call this Mode, THE MODE OF CONJECTURE. Again, as those that are ignorant and would be informed, must ask of those that already know, this being the natural way of becoming *Proficients*; hence we may call the *Interrogative*, THE MODE OF PROFICIENCY.

*Inter cuncta leges, & percontabere  
doctos,*

*Quâ ratione queas traducere leniter œvum,  
Quid pure tranquillet, &c.* Hor.

Farther still, as the highest and most excellent use of the *Requisitive* Mode is legislative

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(*m*) *Ob nobilitatem præivit INDICATIVUS, solus Modus aptus Scientiis, solus Pater Veritatis.* Scal. de Caus. L. Lat. c. 116.

C.VIII. legislative command, we may stile it for this reason THE MODE OF LEGISLATURE. *Ad Divos adeunto castè*, says Cicero in the character of a Roman law-giver; *Be it therefore enacted*, say the laws of England; and in the same Mode speak the laws of every other nation. It is also in this Mode that the geometrician, with the authority of a legislator, orders lines to be bisected, and circles described, as preparatives to that science, which he is about to establish.

THERE are other *supposed* affections of Verbs, such as *Number* and *Person*. But these surely cannot be called a part of their essence, nor indeed are they the essence of any other Attribute, being in fact the properties, not of Attributes, but of Substances. The most that can be said, is, that Verbs in the more elegant languages are provided with certain terminations, which respect the *Number* and *Person* of every *Substantive*, that we may know

know with more precision, in a complex C.VIII. sentence, each particular substance, with ~~the~~ its attendant verbal Attributes. The same may be said of *Sex*, with respect to *Adjectives*. They have terminations which vary, as they respect Beings male or female, tho' *Substances* past dispute are alone susceptible of sex (n). We therefore pass over these matters, and all of like kind,

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(n) It is somewhat extraordinary, that so acute and rational a Grammian as *Sanctius*, should justly deny *Genders*, or the distinction of *Sex* to *Adjectives*, and yet make *Persons* appertain, not to *Substantives*, but to *Verbs*. His commentator *Perizonius* is much more consistent, who says—*At vero si rem recte consideres, ipsis Nominibus & Pronominibus vel maximè, imò unicè inest ipsa Persona; & Verba se habent in Personarum ratione ad Nomina planè sicuti Adjectiva in ratione Generum ad Substantiva, quibus solis autor* (*Sanctius scil. L. I. c. 7.*) *& recte Genius adscribit, exclusis Adjectivis.* *Sanct. Minerv. L. I. c. 12.* There is indeed an exact Analogy between the Accidents of *Sex* and *Person*. There are but two *Sexes*, that is to say, the Male and the Female; and but two *Persons* (or Characters essential to discourse) that is to say, the Speaker, and the Party addressed. The third *Sex* and third *Person* are improperly so called, being in fact but Negations of the other two.

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the essentials (o) of language, which essentials are the subject of our present inquiry. The principal of these now remaining is THE DIFFERENCE OF VERBS, AS TO THEIR SEVERAL SPECIES, which we endeavour to explain in the following manner.

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(o) Whoever would see more upon a subject of importance, referred to in many parts of this treatise, and particularly in note (b) of this chapter, may consult *Letters concerning Mind*, an Octavo Volume published 1750, the Author Mr. John Petivin Vicar of Ilstington in Devon, a person who, though from his retired situation little known, was deeply skilled in the Philosophy both of the Antients and Moderns, and, more than this, was valued by all that knew him for his virtue and worth.

## BOOK THE FIRST.

### CHAP. IX.

*Concerning the Species of Verbs, and their other remaining Properties.*

ALL Verbs, that are strictly so called, Ch.IX. denote (a) Energies. Now as all Energies are *Attributes*, they have reference of course to certain *energizing Substances*. Thus it is impossible there should be such Energies, as *To love, to fly, to wound, &c.* if there were not such beings as *Men, Birds, Swords, &c.* Farther, every Energy doth not only require an Energizer, but is necessarily conversant about some *Subject*. For example, if we say, *Brutus loves*—we must needs supply—*loves Cato, Cæsarius,*

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(a) We use this word ENERGY, rather than *Motion*, from its more comprehensive meaning; it being a sort of Genus, which includes within it both *Motion* and its *Privation*. See before, p. 94, 95.

Ch. IX. *Cassius, Portia*, or some one. *The Sword*  
wounds—i. e. wounds *Hector, Sarpedon, Priam*, or some one: And thus is it, that every Energy is necessarily situate between two Substantives, an Energizer which is *active*, and a Subject which is *passive*. Hence then, if the Energizer lead the sentence, the Energy follows its character, and becomes what we call A VERB ACTIVE.—Thus we say *Brutus amat*; *Brutus loves*. On the contrary, if the passive Subject be principal, it follows the character of this too, and then becomes what we call A VERB PASSIVE.—Thus we say, *Portia amatur*, *Portia is loved*. It is in like manner that the *same Road* between the summit and foot of the same mountain, with respect to the summit is *Ascent*, with respect to the foot is *Descent*. Since then every Energy respects an Energizer or a passive Subject; hence the Reason why every Verb, whether active or passive, has in language a necessary reference

ference to some *Noun* for its *Nominative* Ch. IX.  
Case (b). [ ]

BUT to proceed still farther from what has been already observed. *Brutus loved Portia*.—Here *Brutus* is the Energizer; *loved*, the *Energy*, and *Portia*, the *Subject*. But it might have been, *Brutus loved Cato*, or *Cassius*, or the *Roman Republic*; for the *Energy* is referable to Subjects infinite. Now among these infinite Subjects, when that happens to occur, which is the Energizer also, as when we say *Brutus loved himself*, *flew himself*, &c. in such Case the *Energy* hath to the *same* being *a double Relation*, both active and passive. And this it is which gave rise  
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(b) The doctrine of Impersonal Verbs has been justly rejected by the best Grammarians, both ancient and modern. See *Sanct. Min.* L. I. c. 12 L. III c. 1. L. IV. c. 3. *Priscian.* L. XVIII. p. 1134. *Apoll.* L. III. sub fin. In which places the reader will see a proper *Nominative* supplied to all Verbs of this supposed Character.

Ch. IX. among the *Greeks* to that species of Verbs, called VERBS MIDDLE (c), and such was their true and original use, however in many instances they may have since happened to deviate. In other languages the Verb still retains its active Form, and the passive Subject (*se* or *himself*) is expressed like other accusatives.

AGAIN, in some Verbs it happens that the Energy *always keeps within* the Energizer, and *never passes out* to any foreign extraneous Subject. Thus when we say, *Cæsar walketh, Cæsar sitteth*, it is impossible

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(c) Τὰ γὰρ οὐλέμενα μεσότητος χήματα σύνεμπλωσιν ἀνεδίξατο ἐνεργετικῆς οὐ ταθητικῆς διαθέσεως. *The Verbs, called Verbs middle, admit a Coincidence of the active and passive Character.* Apollon. L. III. c. 7. He that would see this whole Doctrine concerning the power of THE MIDDLE VERB explained and confirmed with great Ingenuity and Learning, may consult a small Treatise of that able Critic *Küller*, entitled, *De vero Usu Verborum Mediorum*. A neat edition of this scarce piece has been lately published.

ble the *Energy* should pass out (as in the Ch. IX. case of those Verbs called by the Grammarians VERBS TRANSITIVE) because both the *Energizer* and the *Passive Subject* are united in the *same Person*. For what is the cause of this walking or sitting?—It is the *Will* and *Vital Powers* belonging to *Cæsar*. And what is the Subject, made so to move or to sit?—It is the *Body* and *Limbs* belonging also to the same *Cæsar*. It is this then forms that species of Verbs, which grammarians have thought fit to call VERBS NEUTER, as if indeed they were void both of *Action* and *Passion*, when perhaps (like Verbs middle) they may be rather said to *imply both*. Not however to dispute about names, as these Neuters in their *Energizer* always discover their *passive Subject* (c), which other

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(c) This Character of Neuters the Greeks very happily express by the Terms, 'Αὐτοπάθεια and 'Ιδιοπάθεια, which Priscian renders, *quæ ex se in seipſâ fit intrinsecus Passio*. L. VIII. 790. *Consentii Ars apud Putsch.* p. 2051.

Ch. IX. other Verbs cannot, their passive Subjects  
 —— being infinite; hence the reason why it is  
 as superfluous in these Neuters to have the  
 Subject expressed, as in other Verbs it is ne-  
 cessary, and cannot be omitted. And thus  
 it is that we are taught in common gram-  
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It may be here observed, that even those Verbs, called *Actives*, can upon occasion lay aside their transitive character; that is to say, can drop their subsequent Accusative, and *assume the Form of Neuters*, so as to stand by themselves. This happens, when the Discourse respects the mere *Energy* or *Affection* only, and has no regard to the Subject, be it this thing or that. Thus we say, *εἰδεν ἀναγνώσκειν έτος*, *This Man knows not how to read*. speaking only of the Energy, in which we suppose him deficient. Had the Discourse been upon the Subjects of reading, we must have added them. *εἰδεν ἀναγνώσκειν τὰ Ὀμήρους*, *He knows not how to read Homer*, or *Virgil*, or *Cicero*, &c.

Thus *Horace*,

*Qui CUPIT aut METUIT, juvat illum sic domus  
 aut res,*

*Ut lippum piētæ tabulae—*

*He that DESIRES or FEARS* (not this thing in parti-  
 cular nor that, but in general he within whose breast  
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mars that *Verbs Active* require an *Accusative*—*Ch. IX.*  
*sative*, while *Neuters* require none.

Of the above species of Verbs, the *Middle* cannot be called necessary, because most languages have done without it. THE SPECIES OF VERBS therefore remaining are the ACTIVE, the PASSIVE and the NEUTER, and those seem essential to all languages whatever (*d*).

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these affections prevail) *has the same joy in a House or Estate, as the Man with bad Eyes has in fine Pictures.* So Cæsar in his celebrated Laconic Epistle of, *VENI, VIDI, VICI*, where two Actives we see follow one Neuter in the same detached Form, as that Neuter itself. The Glory it seems was *in the rapid Sequel of the Events.* Conquest came as quick, as he could come himself, and look about him. *Whom* he saw, and *whom* he conquered, was not the thing, of which he boasted. See *Apoll.* L. III. c. 31. p. 279.

(*d*) The Stoicks, in their logical view of Verbs, as making part in Propositions, considered them under the four following Sorts.

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Ch.IX. THERE remains a remark or two farther, and then we quit the Subject of Verbs. It is true in general that the greater part of them denote Attributes of *Energy*

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When a *Verb*, co-inciding with the *Nominative of some Noun*, made without farther help a perfect assertive Sentence, as *Σωκράτης περιπατεῖ*, *Socrates walketh*; then as the Verb in such case implied the Power of a perfect Predicate, they called it for that reason *Κατηγόρημα*, a *Predicable*; or else, from its readiness *συμέτινειν*, to co-incide with its *Noun in completing the Sentence*, they called it *Σύμβαμα*, a *Co-incider*.

When a *Verb* was able with a *Noun* to form a perfect assertive Sentence, yet could not associate with such *Noun*, but under some *oblique Case*, as *Σωκράτει μεταμέλει*, *Socratem pœnitet*: Such a Verb, from its *near approach to just Co-incidence, and Predication*, they called *Παρασύμβαμα* or *Παρακατηγόρημα*.

When a Verb, though regularly co-inciding with a *Noun* in its *Nominative*, still required, to complete the *Sentiment*, *some other Noun under an oblique Case*, as *Πλάτων φιλεῖ Δίωνα*, *Plato loveth Dio*, (where without *Dio* or some other, the Verb *loveth* would rest indefinite:)

*Energy and Motion.* But there are some Ch. IX. which appear to denote nothing more, than a mere simple *Adjective*, joined to an *Assertion*, Thus *ἴσαζει* in *Greek*, and *Equalleth* in *English*, mean nothing more

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nite:) Such Verb, from this Defect they called ἔτιλον ἢ σύμβαμα, or ἢ κατηγόρημα, *something less than a Co-incider, or less than a Predicable.*

Lastly, when a Verb required *two Nouns in oblique Cases*, to render the Sentiment complete; as when we say Σωκράτει Ἀλκιβιάδος μέλει, *Tædet me Vitæ*, or the like: Such Verb they called ἔλατλον, or ἔλατλον ἢ ταρα-  
σύμβαμα, or ἢ ταρακατηγόρημα, *something less than an imperfect Co-incider, or an imperfect Predicable.*

These were the *Appellations* which they gave to Verbs, when employed along with Nouns to the forming of Propositions. As to the Name of 'PHMA, or VERB, they denied it to them all, giving it only to the *Infinitive*, as we have shewn already. See page 164. See also Ammon. in *Lib. de Interpret.* p. 37. Apollon. *de Syntaxi* L. I. c. 8. L. III. c. 31. p. 279. c. 32. p. 295. Theod. *Gaz. Gram.* L. IV.

From the above Doctrine it appears, that all *Verbs Neuter* are Συμβάματα; *Verbs Affective*, ἔτιλονα ἢ συμ-  
βάματα.

Ch.IX. than *ἴσος ἐστι*, is equal. So *Albeo* in *Latin*  
 is no more than *albus sum*.

—*Campique ingentes ossibus albent.* Virg.

THE same may be said of *Tumeo*. *Mons tumet*, i. e. *tumidus est*, is *tumid*. To express the Energy in these instances, we must have recourse to the Inceptives.

*Fluctus uti primo cœpit cum ALBESCERE*  
*Vento.* Virg.

— — — *Freta ponti*  
*Incipiunt agitata TUMESCERE.* Virg.

THERE are Verbs also to be found, which are formed out of Nouns. So that as in *Abstract Nouns* (such as *Whiteness* from *White*, *Goodness* from *Good*) as also in the *Infinitive Modes* of Verbs, the *Attributive* is converted into a *Substantive*; here the *Substantive* on the contrary is converted into an *Attributive*. Such are *Kuviq̄ew* from *κύων*, to act the part of a *Dog*, or be a *Cynic*;

nic; Φιλιππίζειν from ΦιλιππΩ, to Philip- Ch.IX.  
 pize, or favour Philip; Syllaturire from  
 Sylla, to meditate acting the same part as  
 Sylla did. Thus too the wise and virtuous  
 Emperour, by way of counsel to him-  
 self—ὅπα μὴ ἀποναισαρωθῆς, beware thou  
 beest not BECÆSAR'D; as though he  
 said, Beware, that by being Emperor, thou  
 doſt not dwindle into A MERE CÆSAR (e).  
 In like manner one of our own witty Poets,

STERNHOLD himself he OUT-STERN-  
 HOLDED.

And long before him the facetious *Fuller*,  
 speaking of one *Morgan*, a sanguinary Bi-  
 shop in the Reign of *Queen Mary*, says of  
 him, that he OUT-BONNER'D even BON-  
 NER himself\*.

AND so much for that Species of AT-  
 TRIBUTES, called VERBS IN THE STRICT-  
 EST SENSE.

(e) *Marc. Antonin.* L. VI. § 30.

\* *Church Hist.* B. VIII. p. 21.

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*Concerning those other Attributives,  
Participles and Adjectives.*

Ch. X. **T**HE nature of Verbs being understood, that of PARTICIPLES is no way difficult. Every complete Verb is expressive of an *Attribute*; of *Time*; and of an *Assertion*. Now if we take away the *Assertion*, and thus destroy the *Verb*, there will remain the *Attribute* and the *Time*, which make the essence of a PARTICIPLE. Thus take away the Assertion from the Verb, *Γράφει*, *Writeth*, and there remains the Participle, *Γράφων*, *Writing*, which (without the *Assertion*) denotes the same *Attribute*, and the same *Time*. After the same manner, by withdrawing the *Assertion*, we discover *Γράψας* in *Ἐγράψει*, *Γράψων* in *Γράψει*, for we chuse to refer to the *Greek*, as being of all languages the

the most complete, as well in this respect, Ch. X.  
as in others.

AND so much for PARTICLES (a).

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(a) The *Latins* are defective in this Article of Particles. Their Active Verbs, ending in *or*, (commonly called Deponents) have Active Particles of all Times (such as *Loquens*, *Locutus*, *Locuturus*) but none of the Passive. Their Actives ending in *O*, have Particles of the Present and Future (such as *Scribens*, and *Scripturus*) but none of the Past. On the contrary, their Passives have Particles of the Past (such as *Scriptus*), but none of the Present or Future, unless we admit such as *Scribendus* and *Docendus* for Futures, which Grammarians controvert. The want of these Particles they supply by a Periphrasis—for  $\gamma\beta\alpha\psi\alpha\sigma$  they say, *cum scripsisset*—for  $\gamma\beta\alpha\phi\mu\epsilon\nu\sigma$ , *dum scribitur*, &c. In *English* we have sometimes recourse to the same Periphrasis; and sometimes we avail ourselves of the same Auxiliars, which form our Modes and Tenses.

The *English* Grammar lays down a good rule with respect to its Particles of the Past, that they all terminate in D, T, or N. This Analogy is perhaps liable to as few Exceptions, as any. Considering therefore how little Analogy of any kind we have in our Lan-

Ch. X. THE nature of *Verbs* and *Participles*  
being understood, that of **ADJECTIVES**  
becomes easy. A *Verb* implies (as we  
have said) both an *Attribute*, and *Time*,  
and an *Affection*; a *Participle* only implies  
an *Attribute*, and *Time*; and an **ADJEC-  
TIVE** only implies an *Attribute*; that is to  
say, in other Words, an **ADJECTIVE** has  
no *Affection*, and only denotes such an *At-  
tribute*, as has not its essence either in  
*Motion* or its *Privation*. Thus in general  
the Attributes of quantity, quality, and  
relation (such as *many* and *few*, *great* and  
*little*,

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Language, it seems wrong to annihilate the few Traces,  
that may be found. It would be well therefore, if all  
writers, who endeavour to be accurate, would be care-  
ful to avoid a corruption, at present so prevalent, of  
saying, *it was wrote*, for, *it was written*; *he was drove*,  
for, *he was driven*; *I have went*, for, *I have gone*, &c.  
in all which instances a *Verb* is absurdly used to supply  
the proper *Participle*, without any necessity from the  
want of such Word.

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ble, treble, quadruple, &c.) are all denoted  
by ADJECTIVES.

IT must indeed be confessed, that sometimes even those Attributes, which are wholly foreign to the idea of *Motion*, assume an assertion, and appear as Verbs. Of such we gave instances before, in *al-beo*, *tumeo*, *ἰσάζω*, and others. These however, compared to the rest of Verbs, are but few in number, and may be called, if thought proper, *Verbal Adjectives*. It is in like manner, that Participles insensibly pass too into Adjectives. Thus *doctus* in *Latin*, and *learned* in *English* lose their power, as *Participles*, and mean a Person possessed of an habitual Quality. Thus *Vir eloquens* means not *a man now speaking*, but a man, *who possesses the habit of speaking*, whether he speak or no. So when we say in *English*, he is a *thinking Man*, an *understanding Man*, we mean not a person, whose mind is *in actual*

Ch. X. *Energy*, but whose *mind* is enriched with a  
 larger portion of those powers. It is indeed no wonder, as all *Attributives* are homogeneous, that at times the several species should appear to interfere, and the difference between them be scarcely perceptible. Even in *natural* species, which are congenial and of kin, the specific difference is not always to be discerned, and in appearance at least they seem to run into each other.

WE have shewn already (*b*) in the Instances of Φιλιππίζειν, *Syllaturire*, Ἀποκαισαριζεῖν, and others, how *Substantives* may be transformed into *Verbal Attributives*. We shall now shew, how they may be converted into *Adjectives*. When we say the party of *Pompey*, the stile of *Cicero*, the philosophy of *Socrates*, in

in these cases the party, the stile, and the Ch. X. philosophy spoken of, receive a stamp and character from the persons, whom they respect. Those persons therefore perform the part of Attributes, that is, stamp and characterize their respective Subjects. Hence then *they actually pass into Attributes*, and assume, as such, the form of *Adjectives*. And thus it is we say, the *Pompeian* party, the *Ciceronian* stile, and the *Socratic* philosophy. It is in like manner for a trumpet of *Brass*, we say a *brazen* Trumpet; for a Crown of *Gold*, a *golden* Crown, &c. Even *Pronominal* Substantives admit the like mutation. Thus instead of saying, the Book of *Me*, of *Thee*, and of *Him*, we say *My* Book, *Thy* Book, and *His* Book; instead of saying the Country of *Us*, of *You*, and of *Them*, we say, *Our* Country, *Your* Country, and *Their* Country, which Words may be called so many *Pronominal Adjectives*.

Ch. X. IT has been observed already, and must  
 — needs be obvious to all, that Adjectives, as  
 marking Attributes, can have no sex (c).  
 And yet their having terminations con-  
 formable to the sex, number, and case  
 of their Substantive, seems to have led  
 grammarians into that strange absurdity  
 of ranging them with Nouns, and sepa-  
 rating them from Verbs, tho' with respect  
 to these they are perfectly homogeneous ;  
 with respect to the others, quite contrary.  
 They are homogeneous with respect to  
 Verbs, as both sorts denote *Attributes* ;  
 they are heterogeneous with respect to  
 Nouns, as *never properly denoting Sub-  
 stances*. But of this we have spoken be-  
 fore (d).

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(c) Sup. p. 171.

(d) Sup. C. VI. Note (a). See also C. III. p. 28,  
 &c.

The Attributives hitherto treated, that Ch. X. is to say, VERBS, PARTICIPLES, and ADJECTIVES, may be called ATTRIBUTIVES OF THE FIRST ORDER. The reason of this name will be better understood, when we have more fully discussed ATTRIBUTIVES OF THE SECOND ORDER, to which we now proceed in the following chapter.

CHAP.

## C H A P. XI.

*Concerning Attributives of the second Order.*

Ch.XI. **A**S the Attributives hitherto mentioned denote *the Attributes of Substances*, so there is an inferior class of them, which denote *the Attributes only of Attributes*.

To explain by examples in either kind —when we say, *Cicero and Pliny were both of them eloquent*; *Statius and Virgil both of them wrote*; in these instances the Attributives, *eloquent*, and *wrote*, are immediately referable to the substantives, *Cicero*, *Virgil*, &c. As therefore denoting THE ATTRIBUTES OF SUBSTANCES, we call them ATTRIBUTIVES OF THE FIRST ORDER. But when we say *Pliny was moderately eloquent*, but *Cicero exceedingly eloquent*; *Statius wrote indifferently*, but *Virgil wrote admirably*; in

in these instances, the *Attributives*, *Mo-* *Ch.* *XI.*  
*derately*, *Exceedingly*, *Indifferently*, *Ad-* ~~—~~  
*mirably*, are not referable to *Substantives*,  
but to other *Attributives*, that is, to the  
words, *Eloquent*, and *Wrote*. As there-  
fore denoting *Attributes of Attributes*, we  
call them **ATTRIBUTIVES OF THE SE-  
COND ORDER.**

GRAMMARIANS have given them the  
Name of *Ἐπιφέρηματα*, *ADVERBIA*, *AD-  
VERBS*. And indeed if we take the word  
*Ρῆμα*, or, *Verb*, in its most *comprehensive  
Signification*, as including not only *Verbs*  
*properly so called*, but also *Participles* and  
*Adjectives* [an usage, which may be justi-  
fied by the best authorities (a)] we shall  
find

(a) Thus *Aristotle* in his *Treatise de Interpretatione*,  
instances "Αὐθεωπος as a *Noun*, and Λεῦκος as a *Verb*.  
So *Ammonius*—κατὰ τῦτο τὸ σημανόμενον, τὸ μὲν  
ΚΑΛΟΣ καὶ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣ καὶ ὅσα τοιαῦτα—ΡΗΜΑΤΑ  
λέγεσθαι καὶ εἰς ΟΝΟΜΑΤΑ. According to this *Signi-  
fication* (that is of denoting the *Attributes of Substance*

Ch. XI. find the name, *Ἐπίσημα*, or ADVERB, to be a very just appellation, as denoting A PART OF SPEECH, THE NATURAL APPENDAGE OF VERBS. So great is this dependence in Grammatical Syntax, that an *Adverb* can no more subsist without its *Verb*, than a *Verb* can subsist without its *Substantive*. It is the same here, as in certain natural Subjects. Every Colour for its existence as much requires a Superficies, as the Superficies for its existence requires a solid Body (b).

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and the Predicate in Propositions) *the words, FAIR, JUST, and the like, are called VERBS, and not NOUNS.* Am. in libr. de Interp. p. 37. b. Aris. de Interp. L. I. c. 1. See also of this Treatise, c. 6. Note (a) p. 87.

In the same manner the Stoics talked of the Participle. *Nam PARTICIPIUM connumerantes Verbis, PARTICIPIALE VERBUM vocabant vel CASUALE. Prisian.* L. I. p. 574.

(b) This notion of ranging the *Adverb* under the same *Genus* with the *Verb* (by calling them both *Attributives*) and of explaining it to be the *Verb's Epithet or Adjective* (by

AMONG the Attributes of Substance are Ch. XI.  
reckoned Quantities, and Qualities. Thus —  
we say, *a white Garment, a high Mountain.*  
Now some of these Quantities and Quali-  
ties are capable of Intension, and Remis-  
sion. Thus we say, *a Garment EXCEED-  
INGLY white; a Mountain TOLERABLY  
O 2 high,*

(by calling it the Attributive of an Attributive) is con-  
formable to the best authorities. *Theodore Gaza* defines  
an ADVERB, as follows—μέρος λόγων ἀπλωτῶν, κατὰ  
ρήματος λεγόμενον, ἢ ἐπιλεγόμενον ρήματι, οὗ οὗν ἐπί-  
θετον ρήματος. *A Part of Speech devoid of Cases, predi-  
cated of a Verb, or subjoined to it, and being as it were the  
Verb's Adjective.* L. IV. (where by the way we may  
observe, how properly the Adverb is made an *Aptote*,  
since its principal sometimes *has cases*, as in *Valde Sa-  
piens*; sometimes *has none*, as in *Valde amat.*) *Priscian's*  
definition of an Adverb is as follows—ADVERBIUM est  
pars orationis indeclinabilis, cuius significatio Verbis adjici-  
tur. *Hoc enim perficit Adverbium Verbis additum, quod*  
*adjectiva nomina appellativis nominibus adjuncta; ut pru-  
dens hom<sup>o</sup>; prudenter egit; felix Vir; feliciter vivit.*  
L. XV. p. 1003. And before, speaking of the *Stoics*,  
he says—*Etiam ADVERBIA Nominibus vel VERBIS*  
*CONNUMERABANT, & quasi ADJECTIVA VERBO-  
RUM nominabant.* L. I. p. 574. See also *Apoll. de Synt.*  
L. I. c. 3. *sub fin.*

Ch.XI. *high*, or MODERATELY *high*. It is plain therefore that Intension and Remission are among the Attributes of such Attributes. Hence then one copious Source of secondary Attributives, or Adverbs, to denote these two, that is, *Intension*, and *Remission*. The Greeks have their *δαυμασῶς*, *μάλιστα*, *πάντα*, *ηκίστα*; the Latins their *valdè*, *vehementer*, *maximè*, *satis*, *mediocriter*; the English their *greatly*, *vastly*, *extremely*, *sufficiently*, *moderately*, *tolerably*, *indifferently*, &c.

FARTHER than this, where there are different Intentions of the same Attribute, they may be *compared* together. Thus if the Garment A be EXCEEDINGLY *White*, and the Garment B be MODERATELY *White*, we may say, *the Garment A is MORE white than the Garment B.*

IN these instances the Adverb MORE not only denotes Intension, but *relative Intension*. Nay we stop not here. We not

not only denote Intension merely *relative* Ch.XI.  
but *relative Intension*, than which there is  
none greater. Thus we not only say *the*  
*Mountain A is MORE high than the Moun-*  
*tain B*, but that *it is the MOST high of all*  
*Mountains*. Even *Verbs*, properly so called,  
as they admit *simple* Intensions, so they  
admit also these *comparatives* ones. Thus  
in the following Example—*Fame he*  
*LOVETH MORE than Riches, but Virtue of*  
*all things he LOVETH MOST*—the Words  
*MORE* and *MOST* denote the different *com-*  
*parative Intensions* of the Verbal Attribu-  
tive, *Loveth*.

AND hence the rise of *COMPARISON*,  
and of its different *Degrees*; which can-  
not well be more, than the two Species  
above mentioned, one to denote *Simple*  
*Excess*, and one to denote *Superlative*.  
Were we indeed to introduce *more* degrees  
than these, we ought perhaps to introduce  
*infinite*, which is absurd. For why stop  
at a limited Number, when in all subjects,

Ch.XI. susceptible of Intension, the intermediate Excesses are in a manner infinite? There are infinite Degrees of *more White*, between the *first Simple White*, and the *Superlative, Whitest*; the same may be said of *more Great, more Strong, more Minute, &c.* The Doctrine of Grammarians about *three* such Degrees, which they call the Positive, the Comparative and the Superlative, must needs be absurd; both because in their Positive there is † no Comparison at all, and because their *Superlative* is a Comparative, as much as their *Comparative* itself. Examples to evince this may be found every where. *Socrates was the MOST WISE of all the Athenians—Homer was the MOST SUBLIME of all Poets.*—

—*Cadit et Ripheus, JUSTISSIMUS UNUS  
Qui fuit in Teucris*— Virg.

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† *Qui (scil. Gradus Positivis) quoniam perfectus est, a quibusdam in numero Graduum non computatur.* Consentii Ars apud Putsch. p. 2022.

IT must be confessed these Comparatives, Ch.XI. as well the *simple*, as the *superlative*, seem ~~—~~ sometimes to part with their *relative* Nature, and only retain their *intensive*. Thus in the Degree, denoting *simple* Excess,

*Tristior, et lacrumis oculos suffusa nitentes.* Virg.

*Rusticior paulo est—* Hor.

IN the *Superlative* this is more usual. *Vir doctissimus, Vir fortissimus, a most learned Man, a most brave Man,—* that is to say, not the *bravest* and *most learned* Man, that ever existed, but a Man possessing those Qualities *in an eminent Degree*.

THE Authors of Language have contrived a method to retrench these Comparative Adverbs, by expressing their force in the Primary Attributive. Thus instead of *More fair*, they say FAIRER; instead of *Most fair*, FAIREST, and the same holds

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Ch.XI. true both in the *Greek* and *Latin*. This  
Practice however has reached no farther  
than to *Adjectives*, or at least to *Participles*,  
sharing the nature of *Adjectives*. Verbs  
perhaps were thought too much diversified  
already, to admit more Variations without  
perplexity.

As there are some *Attributives*, which  
admit of Comparison, so there are others,  
which admit of none. Such for example  
are those, which denote that *Quality of*  
*Bodies arising from their Figure*; as when  
we say, a *Circular Table*, a *Quadrangular*  
*Court*, a *Conical Piece of Metal*, &c. The  
reason is, that a million of things, partici-  
pating the same Figure, participate it *equal-  
ly*, if they participate it at all. To say there-  
fore that while A and B are both quadran-  
gular, A is *more or less* quadrangular than  
B, is absurd. The same holds true in all  
*Attributives*, denoting *definite Quantities*,  
whether *continuous* or *discrete*, whether *ab-  
solute* or *relative*. Thus the *two-foot Rule*

A cannot be *more a two-foot Rule*, than any Ch. XI. other of the same length. Twenty Lions ~~—~~ cannot be *more twenty*, than *twenty Flies*. If A and B be both *triple*, or *quadruple* to C, they cannot be *more triple*, or *more quadruple*, one than the other. The reason of all this is, there can be *no Comparison* without *Intension and Remission*; there can be no Intension and Remission in things *always definite*; and such are the *Attributives*, which we have last mentioned.

IN the same reasoning we see the cause, why *no Substantive* is *susceptible of these Comparative Degrees*. A Mountain cannot be said *MORE TO BE*, or *TO EXIST*, than a Mole-hill, but the *More* and *Less* must be sought for in their *Quantities*. In like manner, when we refer many Individuals to one Species, the Lion A cannot be called *more a Lion*, than the Lion B, but if more any thing, he is *more fierce*, *more speedy*, or exceeding in some such Attribute. So again, in referring many Species to one Genus,

Ch.XI. Genus, a Crocodile is not more an Animal, than a Lizard ; nor a Tiger, more than a Cat, but if any thing, they are *more bulky, more strong, &c.* the Excess, as before, being derived from their Attributes. So true is that saying of the acute *Stagirite*—that *SUBSTANCE is not susceptible of MORE and LESS* (c). But this by way of digression, to return to the subject of Adverbs.

Of the Adverbs, or secondary Attributives already mentioned, these denoting Intension or Remission may be called Adverbs of *Quantity continuous* ; *Once, Twice, Thrice*, are Adverbs of *Quantity discrete* ; *More* and *Most*, *Less* and *Least*, to which may be added *Equally, Proportionally, &c.* are

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(c) εἰς ἀν ἐπιδέχοιτο ή ὥστα τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ τὸ ἔτιλον, Categor. c. 5. See also *Sanctius*, L. I. c. 11. L. II. c. 10, 11. where the subject of Comparatives is treated in a very masterly and philosophical manner. See also *Priscian*, p. 598. *Derivantur igitur Comparativa a Non-minibus Adjectivis, &c.*

are Adverbs of *Relation*. There are others Ch. XI. of *Quality*, as when we say, HONESTLY *industrious*, PRUDENTLY *brave*, they *fought BRAVELY*, he *painted FINELY*, a *Portico formed CIRCULARLY*, a *Plain cut TRI-ANGULARLY*, &c.

AND here it is worth while to observe, how the same thing, participating the same *Essence*, assumes different grammatical Forms from its different relations. For example, suppose it should be asked, how differ *Honest*, *Honestly*, and *Honesty*. The Answer is, they are in *Essence* the same, but they differ, in as much as *Honest* is the *Attributive of a Substantive*; *Honestly*, of a *Verb*; and *Honesty*, being divested of these its attributive Relations, assumes the *Power of a Substantive*, so as to stand by itself.

THE Adverbs, hitherto mentioned, are common to *Verbs of every Species*; but there

Ch. XI. there are some, which are peculiar to *Verbs* — properly so called, that is to say, to such as denote *Motion* or *Energy*, with their *Privations*. All *MOTION* and *REST* imply *TIME* and *PLACE*, as a kind of necessary *Coincidents*. Hence then, if we would express the *Place* or *Time* of either, we must needs have recourse to the proper *Adverbs*; of *Place*, as when we say, *he stood THERE*; *he went HENCE*; *he travelled FAR*, &c. of *Time*, as when we say, *he stood THEN*; *he went AFTERWARD*; *he travelled FORMERLY*, &c. Should it be asked——why *Adverbs of Time*, when *Verbs* have *Tenses*? The Answer is, tho' *Tenses* may be sufficient to denote the greater *Distinctions* of *Time*, yet to denote them all by *Tenses* would be a perplexity without end. What a variety of *Forms*; to denote *Yesterday*, *To-day*, *To-morrow*, *Formerly*, *Lately*, *Just now*, *Now*, *Immediately*, *Presently*, *Soon*, *Hereafter*, &c.? It was this then that made the

the *Temporal Adverbs* necessary, over and Ch.XI.  
above the *Tenses*. {

To the Adverbs just mentioned may be added those, which denote the *Intensions* and *Remissions* peculiar to *Motion*, such as *speedily*, *hastily*, *swiftly*, *slowly*, &c. as also *Adverbs of Place*, made out of *Prepositions*, such as *ἀνω* and *κατω* from *ἀνα* and *κατα*, in *English* *upward* and *downward*, from *up* and *down*. In some instances the *Preposition* suffers no change, but becomes an *Adverb* by nothing more than its Application, as when we say, *CIRCA equitat*, *he rides ABOUT*; *PROPE cecidit*, *he was NEAR falling*; *Verum ne POST conferas culpam in me*, *But do not AFTER lay the blame on me* (d).

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(d) *Sosip. Charisiu Inst. Gram.* p. 170. *Terent. Eun.*  
*Act. II. Sc. 3.*

Ch.XI. THERE are likewise *Adverbs of Interrogation*, such as *Where*, *Whence*, *Whither*, *How*; of which there is this remarkable, that when they lose their *Interrogative* power, they assume that of a *Relative*, so as even to represent the *Relative* or *Sub-junctive Pronoun*. Thus Ovid

*Et Seges est, ubi Troja fuit—*

translated in our old *English Ballad*,

*And Corn doth grow, WHERE Troy town  
stood.*

That is to say, *Seges est in eo loco, IN QUO*  
*&c. Corn groweth in that place, IN WHICH,*  
*&c. the power of the Relative, being im-*  
*plied in the Adverb.* Thus *Terence*,

*Hujusmodi mihi res semper comminiscere,  
UBI me excarnufices— Heaut. IV. 6.*

where *UBI* relates to *res*, and stands for *quibus rebus*.

IT is in like manner that the *Relative* Ch. XI. *Pronoun* upon occasion becomes an *Interrogative*, at least in *Latin* and *English*. Thus *Horace*,

*QUEM Virum aut Heroa lyrâ, vel acri  
Tibiâ sumes celebrare, Clio?*

So *Milton*,

*Who first seduc'd them to that foul revolt?*

THE reason of all this is as follows. *The Pronoun* and *Adverbs* here mentioned are all alike, in their original character, **RELATIVES**. Even when they become *Interrogatives*, they lose not this character, but are still *Relatives*, as much as ever. The difference is, that *without* an *Interrogation*, they have reference to a *Subject*, which is *antecedent*, *definite* and *known*; *with* an *Interrogation*, to a *Subject* which is *subsequent*, *indefinite*, and *unknown*, and which

Ch.XI. which it is expected that the *Answer* should  
 express and ascertain,

Who first seduc'd them?—

The very Question itself supposes a Seducer, to which, tho' unknown, the Pronoun, Who, has a reference.

Th' infernal Serpent—

Here in the *Answer* we have the Subject, which was indefinite, ascertained; so that the Who in the Interrogation is (we see) as much a Relative, as if it had been said originally, without any interrogation at all, *It was the Infernal SERPENT, who first seduced them.*

AND thus is it that *Interrogatives* and *Relatives* mutually pass into each other.

AND so much for ADVERBS, peculiar to Verbs properly so called. We have already spoken of those, which are common to all ATTRIBUTIVES. We have likewise attempted

tempted to explain their general *Nature*, Ch. XI. which we have found to consist in being ~~the~~ the *Attributes of Attributes*. There remains only to add, that ADVERBS *may be derived from almost every Part of Speech*: from PREPOSITIONS, as when from *After* we derive *Afterwards*—from PARTICIPLES, and through these from *Verbs*, as when from *Know* we derive *Knowing*, and thence *Knowingly*; from *Scio, Sciens*, and thence *Scienter*—from ADJECTIVES, as when from *Virtuous* and *Vicious*, we derive *Virtuously* and *Viciously*—from SUBSTANTIVES, as when from Πίθηκός, *an Ape*, we derive Πιθήκειον βλέπειν, *to look APISHLY*; from Λέων, *a Lion*, Λεονιώδως, *Leoninely*—nay even from PROPER NAMES, as when from *Socrates* and *Demosthenes*, we derive *Socratically* and *Demosthenically*. *It was Socratically reasoned*, we say; *it was Demosthenically spoken*\*. Of the same sort

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\* Aristotle has Κυκλοπικῶς *Cyclopically*, from Κύκλωψ *a Cyclops*. Eth. Nic. X. 9.

Ch.XI. are many others, cited by the old Grammarians, such as *Catiliniter* from *Catilina*, *Sisenniter* from *Sisenna*, *Tullianè* from *Tullius*, &c. (e).

NOR are they thus extensive only in *Derivation*, but in *Signification* also. Theodore Gaza in his Grammar informs us (f), that ADVERBS may be found in every one of the Predicaments, and that the readiest way to reduce their Infinitude, was to refer them by classes to those ten universal Genera. The Stoics too called the ADVERB by the name of Πανδέκης, and that from a view to the same multi-form Nature. *Omnia in se capit quasi collata per satiram, concessâ sibi rerum variâ potestate.* It is thus that Sosipater explains the

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(e) See *Prisc.* L. XV. p. 1022. *Sof. Charis.* 161. Edit. *Putschii.*

(f) —διὸ δὴ καὶ ἀμεινον ἵσως δέκα καὶ τῶν ἐπιρρημάτων γένη θεοθεοὶ ἐκεῖνα, ἀστικοὶ, παιοὶ, ποσοὶ, πρόσωπα ταῦτα. *Gram. Introd.* L. II.

the Word (g), from whose authority Ch.XI. we know it to be *Stoical*. But of this ~~is~~ enough.

AND now having finished those PRINCIPAL PARTS of Speech, the SUBSTANTIVE and the ATTRIBUTIVE, which are SIGNIFICANT WHEN ALONE, we proceed to those AUXILIARY PARTS, which are ONLY SIGNIFICANT, WHEN ASSOCIATED. But as these make the Subject of a Book by themselves, we here conclude the first Book of this Treatise.

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(g) *Sofip. Char.* p. 175. Edit. *Putsehii.*



## H E R M E S

OR A PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY  
CONCERNING UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR.

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## B O O K II.

## C H A P. I.

*Concerning Definitives.*

WHAT remains of our Work, Ch. I. is a matter of less difficulty, — it being the same here, as in some Historical Picture ; when the principal Figures are once formed, it is an easy labour to design the rest.

Ch. I. DEFINITIVES, the Subject of the present Chapter, are commonly called by Grammarians, ARTICLES, ARTICULI, *Ἄρθρα*. They are of two kinds, either those *properly and strictly so called*, or else the *Pronominal Articles*, such as *This, That, Any, &c.*

WE shall first treat of those *Articles more strictly so denominated*, the reason and use of which may be explained, as follows.

THE visible and individual Substances of Nature are infinitely more numerous, than for each to admit of a particular Name. To supply this defect, when any Individual occurs, which either wants a proper Name, or whose proper Name is not known, we ascertain it, as well as we can, by referring it to its Species; or, if the Species be unknown, then at

least to some Genus. For example—a Ch. I. certain Object occurs, with a head and limbs, and appearing to possess the powers of Self-motion and Sensation. If we know it not as an Individual, we refer it to its proper Species, and call it *Dog*, or *Horse*, or *Lion*, or the like. If none of these Names fit, we go to the Genus, and call it, *Animal*.

BUT this is not enough. The Thing, at which we are looking, is neither a Species, nor a Genus. What is it then? An Individual.—Of what kind? *Known*, or *unknown*? Seen now *for the first time*, or *seen before*, and now remembered?—It is here we shall discover the use of the two Articles (A) and (THE). (A) respects our *primary* Perception, and denotes Individuals as *unknown*; (THE) respects our *secondary* Perception, and denotes Individuals as *known*. To explain by an example—I see an object pass

Ch. I. by, which I never saw till now. What  
 — do I say? — *There goes a Beggar with a  
 long Beard.* The Man departs, and re-  
 turns a week after. What do I say then?  
 — *There goes the Beggar with the long  
 Beard.* The Article only is changed, the  
 rest remains un-altered.

YET mark the force of this apparently  
 minute Change. The Individual, *once  
 vague*, is now recognized *as something  
 known*, and that merely by the efficacy of  
 this latter Article, which tacitly insinuates  
 a kind of *previous* acquaintance, by refer-  
 ring the present Perception to a like Per-  
 ception already past (a).

THE Truth is, the Articles (A) and  
 (THE) are both of them *definitives*, as  
 they circumscribe the latitude of Genera  
 and Species, by reducing them for the  
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(a) See B. I. c. 5. p. 63, 64.

most part to denote Individuals. The Ch. I. difference however between them is this; the Article (A) leaves the Individual itself *unascertained*, whereas the Article (THE) *ascertains the Individual also*, and is for that reason the more accurate Definitive of the two.

IT is perhaps owing to the imperfect manner, in which the Article (A) defines, that the *Greeks* have no Article correspondent to it, but supply its place, by a negation of their Article, 'O. 'O ἀνθρωπῷ ἐπεσεν, THE man fell—ἀνθρωπῷ ἐπεσεν, A Man fell, without any thing prefixed, but only the Article withdrawn (b). Even in *English*, where the Article

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(b) Τὰ γὰρ ἀορισθῶτας πότε νούμενα, οἱ τοῦ ἀρθροῦ παράθεσις ὑπὸ ὁρισμὸν τῷ προσώπῳ ἀγει. Those things, which are at times understood indefinitely, the addition of the Article makes to be definite as to their Person. Apoll. L. IV. c. 1. See of the same author, L. I. c. 6, 36.

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Ch. I. Article (A) cannot be used, as in plurals; its force is express by the same Negation. *Those are THE Men*, means those are Individuals, of which we possess some *previous* Knowledge. *Those are Men*, the Article apart, means no more than that they are so many *vague* and *uncertain* Individuals, just as the Phrase, *A Man*, in the singular, implies one of the same number.

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ποιεῖ (τὸ Ἀρθρὸν sc.) δοῦ ἀναπόλισιν ἀροεγνωσμένος τῷ  
ἐν τῇ συντάξει οἷον εἰ μὲν λέγοι τις, ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟΣ  
ΗΚΕ, ἀδηλον τίνα ἀνθρώπου λέγει. εἰ δὲ οἱ ΑΝ-  
ΘΡΩΠΟΣ, δῆλον, ἀροεγνωσμένον γὰρ τινα ἀνθρώπου  
λέγει. Τέτο δὲ ἀυτὸ βέλονται καὶ οἱ Φάσιοντες τὸ ἀρ-  
θρὸν σημαντικὸν ἀρώτης γνώσεως καὶ δευτέρας. The Article  
causes a Review within the Mind of something known  
before the texture of the Discourse. Thus if any one  
says "Ανθρωπῷ ήκε, MAN CAME (which is the same,  
as when we say in English A man came) it is not evident,  
of whom he speaks. But if he says οἱ ἀνθρώπῳ ήκε,  
THE MAN CAME, then it is evident; for he speaks of  
some Person known before. And this is what those mean,  
who say that the Article is expressive of the First and Se-  
cond Knowledge together. Theod, Gazæ. L. IV.

BUT tho' the *Greeks* have no Article Ch. I. correspondent to the Article (A,) yet nothing can be more nearly related, than their 'O, to the Article, THE. 'Ο βασιλεῦς, THE King; ΤΟ δῶρον, THE Gift, &c. Nor is this only to be proved by parallel examples, but by the Attributes of the *Greek Article*, as they are described by *Apollonius*, one of the earliest and most acute of the old Grammarians, now remaining.

"Εσιν δὲ καθὸ καὶ ἐν ἄλλοις ἀπεφηνάμεθα, ὃιον ἄρθρων ή ἀναφορὰ, η̄ ἐσι τροκατειλεγμένες τροσώπες ταρασσατική.—Now the peculiar Attribute of the Article, as we have shewn elsewhere, is that Reference, which implies some certain Person already mentioned. Again—'Ου γὰρ δύγε τά ὄνόματα εἶς αὐτῶν ἀναφορὰν παρίσησιν, εἰ μὴ συμπαραλάβοιεν τὸ ἄρθρον, οὐδὲ εἶξαίρετός ἐσιν ή ἀναφορά. For Nouns of themselves imply not

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Ch. I. Reference, unless they take to them the Article, whose peculiar Character is Reference.

Again—Τὸ ἄρθρον ἀροῦφεισῶσαν γνῶσιν δηλῶι—*The Article indicates a pre-established acquaintance (c).*

His reasoning upon *Proper Names* is worth remarking. Proper Names (he tells us) often fall into *Homonymie*, that is, different Persons often go by the same Name. To solve this ambiguity, we have recourse to *Adjectives* or *Epithets*. For example—there were two *Grecian* chiefs, who bore the name of *Ajax*. It was not therefore without reason, that *Menestheus* uses Epithets, when this intent was to distinguish the one of them from the other.

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(c) *Apoll. de Synt.* L. I. c. 6, 7. His account of REFERENCE is as follows—'Ιδίωμα ἀναφορᾶς ἀρονα-τειλεγμένης ἀροσώπης δευτέρα γνῶσις. The peculiar character of Reference is the second or repeated Knowledge of some Person already mentioned. L. II. c. 3.

Ἄλλὰ τερ οἵτε ίτω Τελαμώνιος ἀλημόνιος Ch. I.  
Ajax. Hom. Hom.

If both *Ajaxes* (says he) cannot be spared,  
—at least alone  
Let mighty *Telamonian Ajax* come.

*Apollonius* proceeds—Even Epithets themselves are diffused thro' various Subjects, in as much as the same Adjective may be referred to many Substantives.

IN order therefore to render both Parts of Speech equally definite, that is to say the Adjective as well as the Substantive, the Adjective itself assumes *an Article* before it, that it may indicate *a Reference to some single Person only*, μοναδικὴ ἀναφορὴ, according to the Author's own Phrase. And thus it is we say, Τρύφων ὁ Γραμματίκος, *Trypho* THE Grammian; Απολλόδωρος ὁ Κυρηναῖος, *Apollodorus* THE Cyrenean, &c. The Author's Conclusion of this

Ch. I. this Section is worth remarking. Δεόντως ἄρα καὶ κατὰ τὸ τοιότον η̄ πρόσθεσίς ἐστι τῆς ἀρθρός, συνιδιάλγοσα τὸ ἐπιθετικὸν τῷ κυρίῳ ὄνοματι—It is with reason therefore that the Article is here also added, as it brings the Adjective to an Individuality, as precise, as the proper Name (d).

WE may carry this reasoning farther, and shew, how by help of the Article even common Appellatives come to have the force of proper Names, and that unassisted by epithets of any kind. Among the Athenians Πλοῖον meant *Ship*; "Ενδεκα, *Eleven*; and "Ανθρωπός, *Man*. Yet add but the Article, and Τὸ Πλοῖον, *THE SHIP*, meant that particular *Ship*, which they sent annually to *Delos*; Οἱ Ενδεκα, *THE ELEVEN*, meant, certain *Officers of Justice*; and Οἱ Ανθρωποί, *THE MAN*, meant their *public Executioner*. So in *English*, *City*, is a Name

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(d) See *Apoll. L. I. c. 12.* where by mistake *Mene-*  
*laus* is put for *Menestheus*.

Name common to many places ; and Ch. I. *Speaker*, a Name common to many Men. Yet if we prefix the Article, THE CITY means our Metropolis ; and THE SPEAKER, a high Officer in the *British* Parliament.

AND thus it is by an easy transition, that the Article, from denoting *Reference*, comes to denote *Eminence* also ; that is to say, from implying an *ordinary* pre-acquaintance, to presume a kind of *general and universal Notoriety*. Thus among the Greeks 'Ο Ποιητής, THE POET, meant *Homēr* (e) ; and 'Ο Σταγειρίτης, THE STAGIRITE, meant *Aristotle* ; not that there were

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(e) There are so few exceptions to this Observation, that we may fairly admit it to be generally true. Yet *Aristotle* twice denotes *Euripides* by the Phrase ὁ ποιητής, once at the end of the seventh Book of his *Nicomachian Ethics*, and again in his *Physics*, L. II. 2. *Plato* also, in his tenth Book of Laws (p. 901. *Edit. Serr.*) denotes *Hesiod* after the same manner.

Ch. I. not many Poets, beside *Homer*; and many  
 ——— Stagirites, beside *Aristotle*; but none equally  
 illustrious for their Poetry and Philoso-  
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IT is on a like principle that *Aristotle* tells us, it is by no means the same thing to assert—*εἰναι τὴν ἡδονὴν ἀγαθὸν*, or, TO *ἀγαθόν*—that, *Pleasure is A Good*, or, *THE Good*. The first only makes it a *common Object of Desire*, upon a level with many others, which daily raise our wishes; the last supposes it *that supreme and sovereign Good*, the ultimate Scope of all our Actions and Endeavours (f).

BUT to pursue our Subject. It has been said already that the Article has no meaning, but when associated to some other word.—To what words then may it be associated?—To such as require *defining*, for

for it is by nature a *Definitive*.—And Ch. I.: what Words are these?—Not those which already are *as definite*, *as may be*. Nor yet those, which, being *indefinite*, cannot properly be made otherwise. It remains then they must be *those*, which though *indefinite*, are yet capable, through the *Article*, of becoming *definite*:

UPON these Principles we see the reason, why it is absurd to say, Ο ΕΓΩ, THE I, or Ο ΣΥ, THE THOU, because nothing can make those Pronouns more *definite*, than they are (g). The same may be asserted

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(g) *Apollonius* makes it part of the Pronoun's Definition, to refuse co-alescence with the Article. Ἐκεῖνος νῦν Ἀντωνυμία, τὸ μετὰ δεῖξεως ἢ ἀναφορᾶς ἀντονομαζέμενον, ὃς ἡ σύνεσι τὸ ἀρθρον. That therefore is a Pronoun, which with Indication or Reference is put for a Noun, and WITH WHICH THE ARTICLE DOTH NOT ASSOCIATE. L. II. c. 5. So *Gaza*, speaking of Pronouns—Πάλιν δὲ—οὐκ ἐπιδέχονται ἀρθρον. L. IV. *Priscian* says the same. *Ita igitur apud Græcos prima*

Ch. I. of Proper Names, and though the *Greeks* say ὁ Σωκράτης, η Εάνθιππη, and the like, yet the Article is a mere Pleonasm, unless perhaps it serve to distinguish Sexes. By the same rule we cannot say in *Greek* ΟΙ ΑΜΦΟΤΕΡΟΙ, or in *English*, THE BOTH, because these Words *in their own nature* are each of them perfectly *defined*, so that to define them farther would be quite superfluous. Thus if it be said, *I have read BOTH Poets*, this plainly indicates *a definite pair*, of whom some mention has been made already; Δυάς ἐγνωσμένη, a known *Duad*, as *Appollonius* expresses himself, (h) when he speaks of this Subje&t. On the contrary, if it be said, *I have read Two Poets*, this may mean *any Pair out of*

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*et secunda persona pronominum, quæ sine dubio demonstrativa sunt, articulis adjungi non possunt; nec tertia, quando demonstrativa est.* L. XII. p. 938.—In the beginning of the same Book, he gives the true reason of this. *Supra omnes alias partes orationis FINIT PERSONAS PRONOMEN.*

(h) *Apollon.* L. I. c. 16.

of all that ever existed. And hence this Ch. I. Numeral, being in this Sense *indefinite* (as indeed are all others, as well as itself) is forced to *assume the Article*, whenever it would become *definite*\*. And thus it is, THE Two in *English*, and ΟΙ ΔΥΟ in *Greek*, mean nearly the same thing, as BOTH or ΑΜΦΟΤΕΡΟΙ. Hence also it is, that as Two, when taken alone, has reference to some *primary* and *indefinite* Perception, while the Article, THE, has reference to some *secondary* and *definite* †; hence I say the Reason, why it is bad *Greek* to say ΔΥΟ ΟΙ ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟΙ, and bad *English*, to say Two THE MEN. Such Syntax is in fact a *Blending of Incompatibles*,

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\* This explains *Servius* on the XII<sup>th</sup> *Aeneid*. v. 511. where he tells us that *Duorum* is put for *Amborum*. In *English* or *Greek* the Article would have done the business, for the *Two*, or τοιν δυοιν are equivalent to *Both* or αμφοτερων, but not so *Duorum*, because the *Latins* have no Articles to prefix.

† Sup. p. 215, 216.

Ch. I. *bles*, that is to say of a *defined Substantive* with an *undefined Attributive*. On the contrary to say in *Greek ΑΜΦΟΤΕΡΟΙ ΟΙ ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟΙ*, or in *English*, *Both THE MEN*, is good and allowable, because the Substantive cannot possibly be less apt, by being defined, to coalesce with an Attributive, which is defined as well as itself. So likewise, it is correct to say, *ΟΙ ΔΥΟ ΑΝΘΡΩΠΟΙ*, *THE TWO MEN*, because here the Article, being placed in the beginning, *extends its Power* as well through Substantive as Attributive, and equally contributes to *define* them both.

As some of the words above admit of no Article, *because they are by Nature as definite as may be*, so there are others, which admit it not, *because they are not to be defined at all*. Of this sort are all **INTERROGATIVES**. If we question about *Substances*, we cannot say *Ο ΤΙΣ ΟΥΤΟΣ*, *THE WHO IS THIS*; but *ΤΙΣ ΟΥ-*

ΟΥΤΟΣ, WHO IS THIS? (i). The same Ch. I. as to *Qualities* and both kinds of *Quantity*. —  
 We say without an Article ΠΟΙΟΣ, ΠΟΣΟΙ, ΠΗΛΙΚΟΣ, in *English*, WHAT SORT OF, HOW MANY, HOW GREAT. The Reason is, that the Articles 'O, and THE respect Beings, *already known*; Interrogatives respect Beings, *about which we are ignorant*; for, as to what we know, Interrogation is superfluous.

IN a word the natural *Associators* with Articles are all those common *Appellatives*, which denote the several Genera and Species of Beings. It is these, which, by assuming a different Article, serve either to explain an Individual upon its first being perceived, or else to indicate, upon its return, a Recognition, or repeated Knowledge (k).

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(i) Apollonius calls ΤΙΣ, ἐναντιώτατον τῶν ἀρθρῶν, a Part of Speech, *most contrary, most averse to Articles*. L. IV. c. 1.

(k) What is here said respects *the two Articles*, which we have in *English*. In *Greek*, the Article does no more, than imply a *Recognition*. See before p. 216, 217, 218.

Ch. I. We shall here subjoin a few Instances  
of the Peculiar Power of ARTICLES.

EVERY Proposition consists of a *Subject*, and a *Predicate*. In *English* these are distinguished by their Position, the *Subject* standing *first*, the *Predicate* *last*. *Happiness* is *Pleasure*—Here, *Happiness* is the *Subject*; *Pleasure*, the *Predicate*. If we change their order, and say, *Pleasure* is *Happiness*; then *Pleasure* becomes the *Subject*, and *Happiness* the *Predicate*. In *Greek* these are distinguished not by any Order or Position, but by help of the *Article*, which the *Subject* always assumes, and the *Predicate* in most instances (some few excepted) rejects. *Happiness* is *Pleasure*—ηδονὴ οὐ εὐδαιμονία—*Pleasure* is *Happiness*—οὐ ηδονὴ εὐδαιμονία—*Fine things are difficult*—χαλεπά τὰ καλά—*Difficult things are fine*—τὰ χαλεπά καλά.

IN Greek it is worth attending, how in Ch. I. the same Sentence, the same *Article*, by — being prefixed to a different Word, quite changes the whole meaning. For example—‘Ο Πτολεμᾶι  $\gamma$ υμνασιαρχήσας ἐτιμήθη —Ptolemy, having presided over the Games, was publickly honoured. The Participle  $\gamma$ υμνασιαρχήσας has here no other force, than to denote to us the Time, when Ptolemy was honoured, viz. after having presided over the Games. But if, instead of the Substantive, we join the Participle to the *Article*, and say, ‘Ο  $\gamma$ υμνασιαρχήσας Πτολεμᾶι  $\epsilon$ τιμήθη, our meaning is then—The Ptolemy, who presided over the Games, was honoured. The Participle in this case, being joined to the *Article*, tends tacitly to indicate not one Ptolemy but many, of which number a particular one participated of honour (1).

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(1) *Apollon. L. I. c. 33, 34.*

Ch. I. In *English* likewise it deserves remarking, how the Sense is changed by changing of the *Articles*, tho' we leave every other Word of the Sentence untouched.—  
*And Nathan said unto David, THOU ART THE MAN*\*. In that single, THE, that diminutive Particle, all the force and efficacy of the Reason is contained. By that alone are the Premises applied, and so firmly fixed, as never to be shaken. It is possible this Assertion may appear at first somewhat strange; but let him, who doubts it, only change the *Article*, and then see what will become of the Prophet and his reasoning.—*And Nathan said unto David, THOU ART A MAN.* Might not the King well have demanded upon so impertinent a position,

*Non dices hodie, quorsum hæc tam putidatendant?*

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\* ΣΥ ΕΙ 'Ο ΑΝΗΠ. Βασιλ. Β'. ρεφ, 16.

BUT enough of such Speculations. The Ch. I, only remark, which we shall make on ~~—~~ them, is this ; that “ minute Change in “ PRINCIPLES leads to mighty Change in “ EFFECTS; so that well are PRINCIPLES “ intitled to our regard, however *in appearance* they may be trivial and low.”

THE ARTICLES already mentioned are those *strictly* so called ; but besides these there are the PRONOMINAL ARTICLES, such as *This, That, Any, Other, Some, All, No, or None, &c.* Of these we have spoken already in our Chapter of Pronouns (*m*), where

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(*m*) See B. I. c. 5. p. 72, 73. It seems to have been some view of words, like that here given, which induced Quintilian to say of the Latin Tongue—*Noster sermo Articulos non desiderat* ; *ideoque in alias partes orationis sparguntur*. Inst. Orat. L. I. c. 4. So Scaliger. *His declaratis, satis constat Græcorum Articulos non negligentes a nobis, sed eorum usum superfluum.* *Nam ubi aliquid præscribendum est, quod Græci per articulum efficiunt* (Ἐλέξει ἡ διάλογος) *expletur a Latinis per Is aut ILLE ; Is, aut*

Ch. I. where we have shewn, when they may be  
 taken as Pronouns, and when as Articles. Yet in truth it must be confessed, if the Essence of an Article be *to define* and *ascertain*, they are much more properly Articles, than any thing else, and as such should be considered in Universal Grammar. Thus when we say, *THIS Picture I approve, but THAT I dislike*, what do we perform by the help of these Definitives, but bring down the common Appellative to denote two Individuals, the one as *the more near*, the other as *the more distant*? So when we say, *SOME men are virtuous, but ALL men are mortal* what is the natural Effect of this *ALL* and *SOME*, but to define that *Universality*, and *Particularity*, which would remain indefinite, were we to take them

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*aut, Ille servus dixit, de quo servo antea facta mentio fit, aut qui alio quo pælo notus fit. Additur enim Articulus ad rei memoriam renovandam, cuius antea non nescii sumus, aut ad præscribendam intellektionem, quæ latius patere queat; veluti cum dicimus, C. Cæsar, Is qui postea dictator fuit. Nam alii fuere C. Cæsares. Sic Græcè Καισαρ ὁ αὐτοκράτωρ. De Caus. Ling. Lat. c. 131.*

them away? The same is evident in such Ch. I. Sentences, as—SOME substances have sensation; OTHERS want it—Chuse ANY way of acting, and SOME men will find fault, &c. For here **SOME**, **OTHER**, and **ANY**, serve all of them to *define* different Parts of a given Whole; **SOME**, to denote a *definite Part*; **ANY**, to denote an *indefinite*; and **OTHER**, to denote the *remaining Part*, when a Part has been assumed already. Sometimes this last Word denotes *a large indefinite Portion*, set in opposition to some *single, definite, and remaining Part*, which receives from such Opposition no small degree of heightening. Thus *Virgil*,

*Excedent ALII spirantia mollius æra ;  
(Credo quidem) vivos ducent de marmore  
vultus ;*

Orabunt causas melius, cœlique meatus  
Describent radio, et surgentia sidera  
dicent:

Tu regere imperio populos, ROMANE,  
memento, &c. AEn. VI.

## NOTHING

Ch. I. NOTHING can be stronger or more sublime, than this Antithesis; *one Act* set as equal to *many other Acts* taken together, and the Roman singly (for it is *Tu Romane*, not *Vos Romani*) to *all other Men*; and yet this performed by so trivial a cause, as the just opposition of *ALII* to *Tu*.

But here we conclude, and proceed to treat of CONNECTIVES.

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## C H A P. II.

*Concerning Connectives, and first those  
called Conjunctions.*

CONNECTIVES are the subject of what Ch. II. follows; which, according as they connect either *Sentences* or *Words*, are called by the different Names of CONJUNCTIONS, or PREPOSITIONS. Of these Names, that of the *Preposition* is taken from a *mere accident*, as it commonly stands in connection before the Part, which it connects. The name of the *Conjunction*, as is evident, has reference to its *essential character*.

OF these two we shall consider the CONJUNCTION first, because it connects, not Words, but *Sentences*. This is conformable to the Analysis, with which we began this inquiry\*, and which led us, by parity

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\* Sup. p. 11, 12.

Ch. II. parity of reason, to consider *Sentences themselves* before *Words*. Now the Definition of a CONJUNCTION is as follows—a Part of Speech, void of Signification itself, but so formed as to help Signification, by making two or more significant Sentences to be ONE significant Sentence (a).

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(a) Grammarians have usually considered the Conjunction as connecting rather *single Parts of Speech*, than *whole Sentences*, and that too with the addition of like with like, Tense with Tense, Number with Number, Case with Case, &c. This *Sancius* justly explodes. *Conjunctio neque casus, neque alias partes orationis (ut imperiti docent) conjungit, ipsæ enim partes inter se conjunguntur—sed conjunctio Orationes inter se conjungit* Miner. L. III. c. 14. He then establishes his doctrine by a variety of examples. He had already said as much, L. I. c. 18. and in this he appears to have followed *Scaliger*, who had asserted the same before him. *Conjunctionis autem notionem veteres paullo inconsultius prodiderunt; neque enim, quod aiunt, partes alias conjungit (ipsæ enim partes per se inter se conjunguntur)—sed Conjunctio est, quæ conjungit Orationes plures.* De Caus. Ling. Lat. c. 165.

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THIS therefore being the general Idea of Ch. II.  
CONJUNCTIONS, we deduce their Species in

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This Doctrine of theirs is confirmed by *Apollonius*, who in the several places, where he mentions the Conjunction, always considers it in Syntax as connecting *Sentences*, and not Words, though in his works now extant he has not given us its Definition. See L. I. c. 2. p. 14. L. II. c. 12. p. 124. L. III. c. 15. p. 234.

But we have stronger authority than this to support *Scaliger* and *Sanctius*, and that is *Aristotle's* Definition, as the Passage has been corrected by the best Critics and Manuscripts. A Conjunction, according to him, is Φωνὴ ἀσημος, ἐκ τλειόνων μὲν φωνῶν μιᾶς, σημαντικῶν δὲ, τοιεῖν ἀεφυνια μίαν φωνὴν σημαντικήν. *An articulate Sound, devoid of Signification, which is so formed as to make ONE significant articulate Sound out of several articulate Sounds, which are each of them significant.* Poet. c. 20. In this view of things, the *one significant articulate Sound, formed by the Conjunction*, is not the Union of two or more Syllables in one simple Word, nor even of two or more Words in one simple Sentence, but of two or more *simple Sentences in one complex Sentence*, which is considered as *ONE*, from that Concatenation of Meaning effected by the *Conjunctions*. For example, let us take the Sentence, which follows. *If Men are by nature social, it is their Interest to be just, though it were*

Ch. II. in the following manner. CONJUNCTIONS,  
 while they *connect* sentences, either *connect*  
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were not so ordained by the Laws of their Country. Here are three Sentences. (1.) *Men are by nature social.* (2.) *It is Man's Interest to be just.* (3.) *It is not ordained by the Laws of every Country that Man should be just.* The first two of these Sentences are made *One* by the Conjunction, *IF*; these, *One* with the third Sentence, by the Conjunction, *THO'*; and the three, thus united, make that *Φωνὴ μία σημαῖνει*, *that one significant articulate Sound*, of which *Aristotle* speaks, and which is the result of the conjunctive Power.

This explains a passage in his Rhetoric, where he mentions the same Subject. 'Ο γὰρ σύνδεσμος ἐν τοιεῖ τὰ πολλά· ὡςε ἐὰν ἔξαιρεθῇ, δῆλον ὅτι τεναντίον ἔσται τὸ ἐν πολλά. *The Conjunction makes many, ONE; so that if it be taken away, it is then evident on the contrary that one will be MANY.* Rhet. III. c. 12. His instance of a Sentence, divested of its Conjunctions, and thus made *many* out of *one*, is, *ἠλθον, ἀπίνιπτα, ἐδέσμην, veni, occurri, regavi*, where by the way the three Sentences, resulting from this Dissolution, (for *ἠλθον, ἀπίνιπτα, and ἐδέσμην*; are each of them, when unconnected, so many perfect Sentences) prove that these are the proper Subjects of the *Conjunction's* connective faculty.

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also their meanings, or not. For example: let us take these two Sentences—  
*Rome was enslaved—Cæsar was ambitious*—and connect them together by the Conjunction, BECAUSE. *Rome was enslaved, BECAUSE Cæsar was ambitious.* Here the Meanings, as well as the Sentences, appear to be connected. But if I say,—*Manners must be reformed, OR Liberty will be lost*—here the Conjunction, OR, though it join  
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Ammonius's account of the use of this Part of Speech is elegant. Διὸ καὶ τῶν λόγων ὁ μὲν ὑπάρχειν μίαν σημάνων, ὁ κυρίως εἰς, ἀνάλογος ἀν ἐπ τῷ μηδέπω τετμημένῳ ξύλῳ, καὶ διὰ τότο ἐνὶ λεγομένῳ ὁ δὲ πλείους ὑπάρχεις δηλῶν, ἔνα (lege διὰ) τινὰ δὲ σύνδεσμον ἡνῶσθαι πιστὸς δοκῶν, ἀναλογεῖ τῇ νηὶ τῇ ἐκ πολλῶν συγκειμένῳ ξύλῳ, ὑπὸ δὲ τῶν γόμφων Φαινομένην ἔχεσθη τὴν ἔνωσιν. Of Sentences that, which denotes one Existence simply, and which is strictly ONE, may be considered as analogous to a piece of Timber not yet severed, and called on this account One. That, which denotes several Existences, and which appears to be made ONE by some Conjunctive Particle, is analogous to a Ship made up of many pieces of Timber, and which by means of the nails has an apparent Unity. Am. in Lib. de Interpret. p. 54, 6.

Ch. II. *the Sentences*, yet as to their respective Meanings, is a perfect *Disjunctive*. And thus it appears, that though all *Conjunctions* *conjoin Sentences*, yet with respect to the *Sense*, some are **CONJUNCTIVE**, and some **DISJUNCTIVE**; and hence (b) it is that we derive their different Species.

THE *Conjunctions*, which *conjoin both Sentences and their Meanings*, are either **COPULATIVES**, or **CONTINUATIVES**. The principal *Copulative* in *English* is, **AND**. The *Continuatives* are, **IF**, **BECAUSE**, **THEREFORE**, **THAT**, &c. The Difference between these is this—*The Copulative* does no more than barely *couple Sentences*, and is therefore applicable to all Subjects, whose Natures are not *incompatible*. *Continuatives*, on the contrary, by a more intimate connection, consolidate Sen-

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(b) Thus *Scaliger*. *Aut ergo* *Sensum conjungunt*, *ac Verba*; *aut Verba tantum conjungunt*, *Sensum vero disjungunt*. *De C. L. Lat.* c. 167.

Sentences into one continuous *Whole*, and Ch. II. are therefore applicable only to Subjects, ~~which~~ which have an *essential Co-incidence*.

To explain by examples—It is no way improper to say, *Lysippus was a Statuary, AND Priscian was a Grammarian*—*The Sun shineth, AND the Sky is clear*—because these are things that may co-exist, and yet imply no absurdity. But it would be absurd to say, *Lysippus was a Statuary, BECAUSE Priscian was a Grammarian*; tho' not to say, *the Sun shineth, BECAUSE the Sky is clear*. The Reason is, with respect to the first, the *Co-incidence* is merely *accidental*; with respect to the last, it is *essential*, and founded in nature. And so much for the Distinction between *Copulatives* and *Continuatives* (c).

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(c) *Copulativa est, quæ copulat tam Verba, quam Sensum.* Thus Priscian, p. 1026. But Scaliger is more explicit—*si Sensum conjungunt (conjunctiones sc.) aut necessariō,*

Ch. II. As to *Continuatives*, they are either ~~—~~ SUPPOSITIVE, such as, IF ; or POSITIVE, such as, BECAUSE, THEREFORE, AS, &c. Take Examples of each—you will live happily, IF you live honestly—you live happily, BECAUSE you live honestly. The Difference between these Continuatives is this —The *Suppositives* denote *Connection*, but assert not actual *Existence*; the *Positives* imply both the one and the other (d).

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*cessariō, aut non necessariō: & si non necessario, tum sunt Copulativae, &c.* De C. Ling. Lat. c. 167. Priscian's own account of Continuatives is as follows. *Continuativae sunt, quae continuationem & consequentiam rerum significant* —ibid. Scaliger's account is—*causam aut præstituunt, aut subdunt.* Ibid. c. 168. The Greek name for the Copulative was Σύνδεσμος συμπλεκτικός; for the Continuative, συναπλικός; the Etymologies of which words justly distinguish their respective characters.

(d) The old Greek Grammarians confined the name Εὐναπλικοί, and the Latins that of *Continuativæ* to those Con-

FARTHER than this, the Positives above Ch. II. mentioned are either CAUSAL, such as, BECAUSE, SINCE, AS, &c. or COLLECTIVE, such as, THEREFORE, WHEREFORE, THEN, &c. The Difference between these is this—the *Causals* subjoin *Causes to Effects*—*The Sun is in Eclipse*,

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Ch. II. BECAUSE *the Moon intervenes*—*The Collectives* subjoin *Effects to Causes*—*The Moon intervenes*, THEREFORE *the Sun is in Eclipse*. Now we use *Causals* in those instances, where, the Effect being conspicuous, we seek its Cause; and *Collectives*, in *Demonstrations*, and *Science properly so called*, where the Cause being known

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It may seem at first somewhat strange, why the *Positive* Conjunctions should have been considered as Subordinate to the *Suppositive*, which by their antient Names appears to have been the fact. Is it, that the Positive are confined to what *actually is*; the Suppositive extend to *Possibles*, nay even as far as to *Impossibles*? Thus it is false to affirm, *As it is Day, it is Light*, unless it actually be Day. But we may at midnight affirm, *If it be Day, it is Light*, because the, *IF*, extends to Possibles also. Nay we may affirm, by its help (if we please) even Impossibles. We may say, *If the Sun be cubical, then is the Sun angular; If the Sky fall, then shall we catch Larks*. Thus too Scaliger upon the same occasion—*amplitudinem Continuativæ percipi ex eo, quod etiam impossibile aliquando præsupponit*. De C. L. Lat. C. 168. In this sense then the Continuative, Suppositive or Conditional Conjunction is (as it were) superior to the Positive, as being of greater latitude in its application.

known first, by its help we discern conse- Ch. II.  
quences (e). ~~~~~

ALL these *Continuatives* are resolvable into *Copulatives*. Instead of, BECAUSE it is *Day*, *it is light*, we may say, *It is Day*, AND *it is Light*. Instead of, IF *it be Day*, *it is Light*, we may say, *It is at the same time necessary to be Day*, AND *to be Light*. and so in other Instances. The Reason is, that the Power of the *Copulative* extends to all Connections, as well to the *essential*, as to the *casual* or *fortuitous*. Hence therefore the *Continuative* may be resolved into a *Copulative and something more*, that is to say, into a *Copulative* implying an *essential Co-incidence (f)* in the Subjects conjoined.

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(e) The Latins called the *Causals*, *Causales* or *Causativæ*; the *Collectives*, *Collectivæ* or *Illativæ*; The Greeks called the former Ἀιτιολογικοί, and the latter Συλλογισμοί.

(f) *Resolvuntur autem in Copulativas omnes hæ, prop- terea quod Causa cum Effectu Suâpte naturâ conjuncta est.* Scal. de C. L. Lat. c. 169.

Ch. II. As to *Causal* Conjunctions (of which we have spoken already) there is no one of the four Species of Causes, which they are not capable of denoting: for example, THE MATERIAL CAUSE—*The Trumpet sounds, because it is made of Metal*—THE FORMAL—*The Trumpet sounds, because it is long and hollow*—THE EFFICIENT—*The Trumpet sounds, because an Artist blows it*—THE FINAL—*The Trumpet sounds, that it may raise our courage*. Where it is worth observing, that the three first Causes are express by the strong affirmation of the *Indicative Mode*, because if the Effect actually be, these must of necessity be also. But the last Cause has a different Mode, namely, the *Contingent* or *Potential*. The Reason is, that the Final Cause, tho' it may be *first in Speculation*, is always *last in Event*. That is to say, however it may be the End, which set the Artist first to work, it may still be an End beyond his Power to obtain, and which

which like other Contingents, may either Ch. II. happen, or not (g). Hence also it is connected by Conjunctions of a peculiar kind, such as, **THAT**, *ινα*, **UT**, &c.

The Sum is, that ALL CONJUNCTIONS, which connect both Sentences and their Meanings, are either COPULATIVE, or CONTINUATIVE; the Continuatives are either *Conditional*, or *Positive*; and the Positives are either *Causal* or *Collective*.

AND now we come to the DISJUNCTIVE CONJUNCTIONS, a Species of Words which bear this contradictory Name, because, while they *disjoin the Sense*, they *conjoin the Sentences* (h).

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(g) See B. I. c. 8. p. 142. See also Vol. I. Note VIII. p. 271. For the four Causes see Vol. I. Note XVII. p. 280.

(h) Οι δὲ διαζευκτικοὶ τὰ διαζευγμένα συντιθέασι, ἡ ἡ ἀράγματα ἀπὸ ἀράγματος, ἡ ἀρόσωπον ἀπὸ ἀρόσπιτος διαζευγνύντες, τὴν Φράσιν ἐπισυνδέσιν. *Gazæ Gram.*

Ch. II. WITH respect to these we may observe, that as there is a Principle of UNION diffused throughout all things, by which THIS WHOLE is kept together, and preserved from Dissipation ; so there is a Principle of DIVERSITY diffused in like manner, the Source of Distinction, of Number, and of Order (i).

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Gram. L. IV. *Disjunctivæ sunt, quæ, quamvis dictiones conjungant, sensum tamen disjunctum habent.* Prisc. L. XVI. p. 1029. And hence it is, that a Sentence connected by Disjunctives, has a near resemblance to a simple negative Truth. For though this as to its Intellection be *disjunctive* (its end being to disjoin the Subject from the Predicate) yet as it combines Terms together into one Proposition, it is as truly *synthetical*, as any Truth, that is *affirmative*. See Chap. I. Note (b).  
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(i) The DIVERSITY, which adorns Nature, may be said to heighten by degrees, and as it passes to different Subjects, to become more and more intense. Some things only differ, when considered as *Individuals*, but if we recur to their *Species*, immediately lose all Distinction : such for instance are *Socrates* and *Plato*. Others differ as to *Species*, but as to *Genus* are the same : such

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Now it is to express in some degree the Ch. II. Modifications of this Diversity, that DIS-  
JUNCTIVE CONJUNCTIONS seem first to have been invented.

OF these DISJUNCTIVES, some are SIMPLE, some ADVERSATIVE—*Simple*, as when we say, EITHER it is Day, OR it is

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are *Man* and *Lion*. There are others again, which differ as to Genus, and co-incide only in those *transcendental Comprehensions* of Ens, Being, Existence, and the like : such are *Quantities* and *Qualities*, as for example an *Ounce*, and the Colour, *White*. Lastly ALL BEING whatever differs, as *Being*, from *Non-being*.

Farther, in all things different, however moderate their Diversity, there is an appearance of OPPOSITION with respect to each other, in as much as each thing is *it self*, and not any of the rest. But yet in all Subjects this Opposition is not the same. In RELATIVES, such as Greater and Less, Double and Half, Father and Son, Cause and Effect, in these it is more striking, than in ordinary Subjects, because these always shew it, by necessarily inferring each other. In CONTRARIES, such as Black and White, Even and Odd, Good and Bad, Virtuous

Ch. II. is *Night*—*Adversative*, as when we say, *It*  
 —— *is not Day, but it is Night.* The Difference between these is, that the simple do no more, than merely *disjoin*; the *Adversative* *disjoin*, with an *Opposition concomitant*. Add to this, that the *Adversative* are *definite*; the *Simple, indefinite*. Thus when we say, *The Number Three is not*  
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Virtuous and Vicious, in these the *Opposition* goes still farther, because these not only *differ*, but are even *destructive of each other*. But the *most potent Opposition* is that of *Άντιφασις*, or **CONTRADICTION**, when we oppose *Proposition* to *Proposition*, *Truth* to *Falshood*, asserting of any *Subject*, *either it is, or is not*. This indeed is an *Opposition*, which extends itself to all things, for every thing conceivable must needs have its *Negative*, though multitudes by nature have neither *Relatives*, nor *Contraries*.

Besides these Modes of **DIVERSITY**, there are others that deserve notice; such for instance, as the *Diversity* between the *Name* of a thing, and its *Definition*; between the *various Names*, which belong to the *same thing*, and the *various things*, which are denoted by the *same Name*; all which *Diversities* upon occasion become a Part of our Discourse. And so much, in short, for the *Subject of DIVERSITY*.

*an even Number, but an odd,* we not only Ch. II. disjoin two opposite Attributes, but we definitely affirm one, and deny the other. But when we say, *The Number of the Stars is EITHER even OR odd,* though we assert one Attribute *to be*, and the other *not to be*, yet the Alternative notwithstanding is left indefinite. And so much for *simple Disjunctives* (k).

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(k) The simple Disjunctive  $\wedge$ , or *Vel*, is mostly used *indefinitely*, so as to leave an Alternative. But when it is used *definitely*, so as to leave no Alternative it is then a perfect Disjunctive of the Subsequent from the Previous, and has the same force with  $\wedge$   $\circ$ , or, *Et non*. It is thus *Gaza* explains that Verse of *Homēr*.

Βέλομ' ἐγώ λαὸν σόον ἔμμεναι,  $\wedge$  ἀπολέσθαι.

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That is to say, *I desire the people should be saved, AND NOT be destroyed*, the Conjunction  $\wedge$  being *ἀναρτικός*, or *sublative*. It must however be confess, that this Verse is otherwise explained by an Ellipsis, either of *μᾶλλον*, or *ἀυτίς*, concerning which see the *Commentatores*.

Ch. II. As to *Adversative Disjunctives*, it has been said already that they imply OPPOSITION. Now there can be no Opposition of the *same Attribute*, in the *same Subject*, as when we say, *Nireus was beautiful*; but the Opposition must be either of the *same Attribute* in *different Subjects*, as when we say, *Brutus was a Patriot, BUT Cæsar was not*—or of *different Attributes* in the *same Subject*, as when we say, *Gorgias was a Sophist, BUT not a Philosopher*—or of *different Attributes* in *different Subjects*, as when we say, *Plato was a Philosopher, BUT Hippias was a Sophist*.

THE *Conjunctions* used for all these purposes may be called ABSOLUTE ADVERSATIVES.

BUT there are *other Adversatives*, besides these; as when we say, *Nireus was more beautiful, THAN Achilles—Virgil was*

AS great a Poet, AS Cicero was an Orator. Ch. II.  
The Character of these latter is, that they ~~—~~  
go farther than the former, by marking  
not only *Opposition*, but that *Equality* or  
*Excess*, which arises among Subjects from  
their being *compared*. And hence it is they  
may be called ADVERSATIVES OF COM-  
PARISON.

BESIDES the Adversatives here men-  
tioned, there are two other Species, of  
which the most eminent are UNLESS and  
ALTHO'. For example—*Troy will be taken,*  
*UNLESS the Palladium be preserved*—*Troy*  
*will be taken, ALTHO' Hector defendit.* The  
Nature of these *Adversatives* may be thus  
explained. As every *Event* is naturally allied  
to its *Cause*, so by parity of reason it is *opposed*  
to its *Preventive*. And as every *Cause* is  
either *adequate* (*l*) or *in-adequate* (*in-ade-*  
*quate*,

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(*l*) This Distinction has reference to *common Opinion*,  
and the *form of Language*, *consonant thereto*. In strict  
metaphysical truth, *No Cause, that is not adequate, is*  
*any Cause at all.*

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 effectual) so in like manner is every *Preventive*. Now *adequate Preventives* are express by such *Adversatives*, as UNLESS—*Troy will be taken, UNLESS the Palladium be preserved*; that is, *This alone is sufficient to prevent it*. The *In-adequate* are express by such *Adversatives*, as ALTHO'—*Troy will be taken, ALTHO' Hector defend it*; that is, *Hector's Defence will prove in-effectual*.

THE Names given by the old Grammarians to denote these last *Adversatives*, appear not sufficiently to express their Natures (m). They may be better perhaps called **ADVERSATIVES ADEQUATE**, and **IN-ADEQUATE**.

AND thus it is that all **DISJUNCTIVES**, that is **CONJUNCTIONS**, which *conjoin Sentences*,

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(m) They called them for the most part, without sufficient Distinction of their Species, *Adversativa*, or 'Εναντιωματικοί.

tences, but not their Meanings, are either Ch. II. SIMPLE or ADVERSATIVE ; and that all ADVERSATIVES are either *Absolute* or *Comparative* ; or else *Adequate* or *In-adequate*.

WE shall finish this Chapter with a few miscellany Observations.

IN the first place it may be observed, through all the Species of Disjunctives, that the *same* Disjunctive appears to have greater or less force, according as the Subjects, which it disjoins, are more or less disjoined by Nature. For example, if we say, *Every Number is even, OR odd*—*Every Proposition is true, OR false*—nothing seems to disjoin more strongly than the *Disjunctive*, because no things are in Nature more *incompatible* than the Subjects. But if we say, *That Object is a Triangle, OR Figure contained under three right lines*—the (OR) in this case hardly seems to disjoin, or indeed to do more, than *distinctly* to express the Thing, first by its

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Ch. II. *Name*, and then by its *Definition*. So if we say, *That Figure is a Sphere, or a Globe, or a Ball*—the Disjunctive in this case, tends no farther to disjoin, than as it distinguishes the several *Names*, which belong to the *same Thing* (n).

AGAIN—the Words, *When* and *Where*, and all others of the same nature, such as, *Whence*, *Whither*, *Whenever*, *Wherever*, &c. may be properly called ADVERBIAL CONJUNCTIONS, because they participate the nature both of Adverbs and Conjunctions—of *Conjunctions*, as they *conjoin* Sentences;

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(n) The *Latins* had a peculiar Particle for this occasion, which they called *Subdisjunctiva*, a *Subdisjunctive*; and that was *SIVE*. *Alexander sive Paris*; *Mars sive Mavors*. The Greek 'Ειτ' ἢ seems to answer the same end. Of these Particles, Scaliger thus speaks—*Et sane nomen Subdisjunctivarum recte acceptum est, neque enim tam planè disjungit, quam Disjunctivæ. Nam Disjunctivæ sunt in Contrariis—Subdisjunctivæ autem etiam in non Contrariis, sed Diversis tantum; ut, Alexander sive Paris.* De C. L. Lat. c. 170.

ces; of *Adverbs*, as they denote the At- Ch. II.  
tributes either of *Time*, or of *Place*. 

AGAIN—these *Adverbial Conjunctions*, and perhaps *most of the Prepositions* (contrary to the Character of *accessory Words*, which have strictly no Signification, but when associated with other words) have a kind of *obscure Signification*, when taken alone, by denoting those Attributes of Time and Place. And hence it is, that they appear in Grammar, like *Zoophytes* in Nature; a kind of (o) *middle Beings*, of amphibious character, which, by sharing the Attributes of the higher and the lower, conduce to link the Whole together (p).

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(o) Πολλαχοῦ γάρ ή Φύσις δίλη γίνεται κατὰ μικρὸν μεταβαίνεσσα, ὡςε αἱμφισθεῖσθαι ἐπὶ τίναν, τότερον ζῶν ή Φυτὸν. *Themist.* p. 74. Ed. Ald. See also *Arist.* de Animal. Part. p. 93. l. 10. Ed. Syll.

(p) It is somewhat surprizing that the politest and most elegant of the *Attic Writers*, and *Plato* above all

Ch. II. AND so much for CONJUNCTIONS, their  
— Genus, and their Species.

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the rest, should have their works filled with Particles of all kinds, and with Conjunctions in particular ; while in the modern polite works, as well of ourselves as of our neighbours, scarce such a Word as a Particle, or Conjunction is to be found. Is it, that where there is *Connection in the Meaning*, there must be *Words had to connect* ; but that where the Connection is little or none, such Connectives are of little use ? That Houses of Cards, without cement, may well answer their end, but not those Houses, where one would chuse to dwell ? Is this the Cause ? or have we attained an Elegance, to the Antients unknown ?

*Venimus ad summam fortunæ, &c.*

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## CHAP. III.

*Concerning those Connectives, called  
Prepositions.*

PREPOSITIONS by their name express Ch.III.  
their *Place*, but not their *Character*. —  
Their Definition will distinguish them  
from the former Connectives. A PRE-  
POSITION is a *Part of Speech*, devoid itself  
of *Signification*, but so formed as to unite  
two *Words* that are *significant*, and that re-  
fuse to co-alesce or unite of themselves (a).

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(a) The Stoic Name for a Preposition was Προθε-  
τικὸς Σύνδεσμος, *Præpositiva Conjunction*, a *Prepositive  
Conjunction*. Ὡς μὲν ἐν κατὰ τὰς ἄλλας παραθέ-  
σεις ἀι προθέσεις συνδεσμικῆς συντάξεως γίνονται παρεμ-  
φατικά, λέλεκται ἡμῖν· οὐδὲ ἐν καθαροφορική ἔνεργα παρά  
τοῖς Στωικοῖς τῇ καλεῖσθαι ἀντὶς Προθετικὲς Συνδέσμους.  
Now in what manner even in other applications (besides  
the present) Prepositions give proof of their *Conjunctionive  
Syntax*, we have mentioned already; whence too the Stoics

Ch.III. This connective Power, (which relates to  
 ————— *Words* only, and not *Sentences*) will be bet-  
 ter understood from the following Specu-  
 lations.

SOME things co-alesce and unite *of themselves*; others refuse to do so *without help*, and as it were compulsion. Thus in Works of Art, the Morter and the Stone co-alesce of themselves; but the Wainscot and the Wall not without Nails and Pins. In nature this is more conspicuous. For example; all Quantities, and Qualities co-alesce immediately with their Substances. Thus it is we say, *a fierce Lion, a vast Mountain*; and from this *Natural Concord of Subject and Accident*, arises the *Grammatical Concord of Substantive and Adjective*. In  
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*took occasion to call them PREPOSITIVE CONJUNCTIONS.* *Apollon.* L. IV. c. 5. p. 313. Yet is this in fact rather a descriptive *Sketch*, than a complete *Definition*, since there are other *Conjunctions*, which are *Prepositive* as well as these. See *Gaz.* L. IV. *de Præposit.* *Prisc.* L. XIV. p. 983.

like manner Actions co-alesce with their Ch.III. Agents, and Passions with their Patients. — Thus it is we say, *Alexander conquers*; *Darius is conquered*. Nay, as every Energy is a kind of Medium between its Agent and Patient, the whole three, *Agent*, *Energy*, and *Patient*, co-alesce with the same facility; as when we say, *Alexander conquers Darius*. And hence, that is from these Modes of natural Co-alescence, arises the Grammatical Regimen of the Verb by its Nominative, and of the Accusative by its Verb. Farther than this, Attributives themselves may be most of them characterized; as when we say of such Attributives as *ran*, *beautiful*, *learned*, he *ran swiftly*, she was *very beautiful*, he was *moderately learned*, &c. And hence the Co-alescence of the Adverb with Verbs, Particles, and Adjectives.

THE general Conclusion appears to be this. “ THOSE PARTS OF SPEECH UNITE  
“ OF THEMSELVES IN GRAMMAR, WHOSE  
“ ORIGINAL ARCHETYPES UNITE OF

Ch.III. " THEMSELVES IN NATURE." To which  
 we may add, as following from what has  
 been said, that *the great Objects of Natural  
 Union are SUBSTANCE and ATTRIBUTE.*  
 Now tho' *Substances* naturally co-incide  
 with their *Attributes*, yet they absolutely  
 refuse doing so, *one with another* (b). And  
 hence those known Maxims in Physics,  
 that *Body is impenetrable*; that *two Bodies*  
 cannot possess the same place; that *the same  
 Attribute cannot belong to different Sub-  
 stances*, &c.

FROM these Principles it follows, that  
 when we form a Sentence, the *Substantive*  
 without difficulty co-incides with the *Verb*,  
 from the natural Co-incidence of *Substance*  
 and *Energy*—THE SUN WARMETH. So  
 likewise the *Energy* with the *Subject*, on  
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(b) *Causa, propter quam duo Substantiva non ponuntur  
 sine copulâ, e Philosophiâ petenda est: neque enim duo sub-  
 stancialiter unum esse potest, sicut Substantia et Accidens;  
 itaque non dicas, CÆSAR, CATO PUGNAT.* Scal. de  
 Cœuf. Ling. Lat. c. 177.

which it operates — WARMETH THE Ch.III. EARTH. So likewise both *Subſtance* and ~~Energy~~ Energy with their proper *Attributes*. — THE SPLENDID SUN, — GENIALLY WARMETH — THE FERTILE EARTH. But suppose we were desirous to add other Subſtantives, as for instance, AIR, or BEAMS. How would these co-incide, or under what Character could they be introduced? Not as *Nominatives* or *Accusatives*, for both those places are already filled; the *Nominative* by the *Subſtance*, SUN; the *Accusative* by the *Subſtance*, EARTH. Not as *Attributes* to these last, or to any other thing; for *Attributes* by nature they neither are, nor can be made. Here then we perceive the Rise and Use of PREPOSITIONS. By these we connect those Subſtantives to Sentences, which at the time are unable to co-alesce *of themselves*. Let us assume for instance a pair of these Connectives, THRO', and WITH, and mark their Effect upon the Subſtances here mentioned. *The ſplendid Sun WITH his Beams genially*

Ch. III. genially warmth THRO' the *Air* the fertile  
 Earth. The Sentence, as before, remains  
 intire and one; the *Substantives* required  
 are both *introduced*; and not a Word,  
 which was there before, is detrued from  
 its proper place.

IT must here be observed that most, if not all Prepositions seem originally formed to denote the *Relations of Place* (c). The reason is, this is that grand *Relation*, which *Bodies* or *natural Substances* maintain at all times one to another, whether they are contiguous or remote, whether in motion, or at rest.

IT may be said indeed that in the *Continuity of Place* they form this *UNIVERSE*  
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(c) *Omne corpus aut movetur aut quiescit: quare opus*  
*fuit aliquâ notâ, quæ ΤΟ ΠΟΥ significaret, sive esset*  
*inter duo extrema, inter quæ motus fit, sive esset in altero*  
*extremorum, in quibus fit quies. Hinc elicemus Præpositio-*  
*nis essentialem definitionem.* Scal. de Caus. Ling. Lat.  
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or VISIBLE WHOLE, and are made as Ch.III. much ONE by that general Comprehension, as is consistent with their several Natures, and specific Distinctions. Thus it is we have Prepositions to denote the *contiguous Relation* of Body, as when we say, *Caius walked WITH a Staff*; *the Statue stood UPON a Pedestal*; *the River ran OVER a Sand*; others for the *detached Relation*, as when we say, *He is going TO Italy*; *the Sun is risen ABOVE the Hills*; *these Figs came FROM Turkey*. So as to *Motion* and *Rest*, only with this difference, that here the Preposition varies its character with the Verb. Thus if we say, *that Lamp hangs FROM the Ceiling*, the Preposition, *FROM*, assumes a Character of *Quiescence*. But if we say, *that Lamp is falling FROM the Ceiling*, the Preposition in such case assumes a Character of *Motion*. So in *Milton*,

—*To support uneasy Steps*  
*OVER the burning Marle*—Par. L.I.

Here *OVER* denotes *Motion*.

Again

Ch.III. Again—

—*He—with looks of cordial Love  
Hung over her enamour'd*—Par. L. IV.

Here *over* denotes *Rest*.

BUT though the original use of Prepositions was to denote the *Relations of Place*, they could not be confined to this Office only. They by degrees extended themselves to Subjects *incorporeal*, and came to denote Relations, as well *intellectual* as *local*. Thus, because in Place he, who is *above*, has commonly the advantage over him, who is *below*, hence we transfer *over* and *under* to *Dominion* and *Obedience*; of a King we say, *he ruled over his People*; of a common Soldier, *he served under such a General*. So too we say, *with Thought*; *without Attention*; *thinking over a Subject*; *under Anxiety*; *from Fear*; *out of Love*; *through Jealousy*, &c. All which instances, with many others of like kind,

kind, shew that the *first Words* of Men, Ch. III. like their *first Ideas*, had an immediate reference to *sensible Objects*, and that in after-days, when they began to discern with their *Intellect*, they took those Words, which they found *already* made, and transferred them by *metaphor* to *intellectual Conceptions*. There is indeed no Method to express new Ideas, but either this of *Metaphor*, or that of *Coining new Words*, both which have been practised by Philosophers and wise Men, according to the nature, and exigence of the occasion (d).

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(d) Among the Words new coined we may ascribe to *Anaxagoras*, Ὅμοιομέρεια ; to *Plato*, Ποιότης ; to *Cicero*, *Qualitas* ; to *Aristotle*, Ἐνίελέχεια ; to the *Stoics*, Ὅντις, κεράτις, and many others.—Among the Words transferred by *Metaphor* from *common* to *special Meanings*, to the *Platonics* we may ascribe Ἰδεα ; to the *Pythagoreans* and *Peripatetics*, Κατηγορία, and Κατηγορεῖν ; to the *Stoics*, Κατάληψις, ὑπόληψις, καθήκον ; to the *Pyrrhonists*, Ἐξετι, ἐνδέχεται, ἐπέχω, &c.

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Ch.III. IN the foregoing use of Prepositions, we have seen how they are applied *κατα* *παραθεσιν*, by way of *Juxta-position*, that is to say, where they are prefixt to a Word, with-

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And here I cannot but observe, that he who pretends to discuss the Sentiments of any one of these Philosophers, or even to cite and translate him (except in trite and obvious Sentences) without accurately knowing the Greek Tongue in general; the nice differences of many Words apparently synonymous; the peculiar Stile of the Author whom he presumes to handle; the new coined Words, and new Significations given to old Words, used by such Author, and his Sect; the whole Philosophy of such Sect, together with the Connections and Dependencies of its several Parts, whether Logical, Ethical, or Physical;—He I say, that, without this previous preparation, attempts what I have said, will shoot in the dark; will be liable to perpetual blunders; will explain, and praise, and censure merely by chance; and though he may possibly to Fools appear as a wise Man, will certainly among the wise ever pass for a Fool. Such a Man's Intellect comprehends antient Philosophy, as his Eye comprehends a distant Prospect. He may see perhaps enough, to know Mountains from Plains, and Seas from Woods; but for an accurate discernment of particulars, and their character, this without farther helps, it is impossible he should attain.

without becoming a Part of it. But they Ch. III. may be used also *κατὰ σύνθεσιν*, by way of *Composition*, that is, they may be prefixt to a Word, so as to become a real Part of it (e). Thus in *Greek* we have *Ἐπίστασθαι*, in *Latin*, *Intelligere*, in *English*, to *Understand*. So also, to *foretel*, to *overact*, to *undervalue*, to *outgo*, &c. and in *Greek* and *Latin*, other Instances innumerable. In this case the Prepositions commonly transfuse something of their own Meaning into the Word, with which they are compounded; and this imparted Meaning in most instances will be found ultimately resolvable into some of the Relations of *PLACE*, (f) as used either in its *proper* or *metaphorical* acceptation.

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(e) See *Gaz. Gram.* L. IV. Cap. de *Præpositione*.

(f) For example, let us suppose some given Space. *E* & *Ex* signify *out of* that Space; *PER*, *through it*, from beginning to end; *IN*, *within it*; *SUB*, *under it*.

Ch.III. LASTLY, there are times, when Prepositions totally lose their connective Nature, being

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Hence then E and PER in composition *augment*; *Enormis*, something not simply big, but big in excess; something got *out of the rule*, and *beyond the measure*; *Dico*, to *speak*; *Edico*, to *speak out*; whence *Edictum*, an *Edict*, something so effectually spoken, as all are supposed to hear, and all to obey. So *Terence*,

*Dico, Edico vobis*—Eun. V. 5. 20.

which (as *Donatus* tells us in his Comment) is an *Αὐξητις*. *Fari*, to *speak*; *Effari*, to *speak out*—hence *Effatum*, an *Axiom*, or self-evident Proposition, something addressed as it were to all men, and calling for universal Assent. *Cic. Acad. II. 29.* *Permagnus*, *Perutilis*, great *throughout*, useful *through every part*.

On the contrary, IN and SUB diminish and lessen. *Injustus*, *Iniquus*, *unjust*, *inequitable*, that lies *within* Justice and Equity, that reaches not so far, that falls *short of them*; *Subniger*, *blackish*; *Subrubicundus*, *reddish*; tending to black, and tending to red, but yet *under the standard*, and *below perfection*.

*Emo* originally signified *to take away*; hence it came to signify *to buy*, because he, who buys, *takes away* his purchase. *INTER*, *Between*, implies *Discontinuance*,

being converted into Adverbs, and used in Ch. III.  
Syntax accordingly. Thus *Homer*,

—Γέλασσε δὲ πᾶσα περὶ χθῶν.

—And Earth smil'd all around.

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But of this we have spoken in a preceding Chapter (g). One thing we must however observe, before we finish this Chapter, which is, that whatever we may be told of CASES in modern Languages, there are in fact no such things; but their force and power is express by two Methods,

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ance, for in things continuous there can nothing lie between. From these two comes, *Interimo*, to kill, that is to say, to take a Man away in the midst of Life, by making a Discontinuance of his vital Energy. So also *Perimo*, to kill a Man, that is to say, to take him away thoroughly; for indeed what more thorough taking away can well be supposed? The Greek Verb, *Αναιρεῖν*, and the English Verb, *To take off*, seem both to carry the same allusion. And thus it is that Prepositions become Parts of other Words.

(g) See before p. 205.

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Ch. IV. thods, either by *Situation*, or by *Prepositions*; the *Nominative and Accusative Cases* by *Situation*; the rest, by *Prepositions*. But this we shall make the Subject of a Chapter by itself, concluding here our Inquiry concerning *Prepositions*.

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## C H A P. IV.

*Concerning Cases.*

**A**S CASES, or at least their various Ch.IV. Powers, depend on the knowledge partly of *Nouns*, partly of *Verbs*, and partly of *Prepositions*; they have been reserved, till those Parts of Speech had been examined and discussed, and are for that reason made the Subject of so late a Chapter, as the present.

THERE are no CASES in the modern Languages, except a few among the *primitive Pronouns*, such as I, and Me; Je, and Moy; and the *English Genitive*, formed by the addition of s, as when from *Lion*, we form *Lion's*; from *Ship*, *Ship's*. From this defect however we may be enabled to discover in some instances *what a Case is*, the *Periphrasis*, which sup-

Ch.IV. plies its place, being *the Case* (as it were) ~~itself~~ *unfolded*. Thus *Equi* is analized into *Du Cheval*, *Of the Horse*; *Equo* into *Au Cheval*, *To the Horse*. And hence we see that the GENITIVE and DATIVE CASES imply the joint Power of a *Noun* and a *Preposition*, the Genitive's Preposition being *A*, *De*, or *Ex*, the Dative's Preposition being *Ad*, or *Versus*.

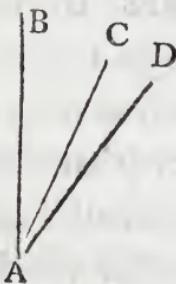
We have not this assistance as to the ACCUSATIVE, which in modern Languages (a few instances excepted) is only known from its position, that is to say, by being subsequent to its Verb, in the collocation of the words.

THE VOCATIVE we pass over from its little use, being not only unknown to the modern Languages, but often in the ancient being supplied by the *Nominative*.

THE ABLATIVE likewise was used by the *Romans* only; a Case they seem to have adopted

adopted to associate with their *Prepositions*, Ch. IV. as they had deprived their *Genitive* and *Dative* of that privilege; a Case certainly not necessary, because the *Greeks* do as well without it, and because with the *Romans* themselves it is frequently undistinguished.

THERE remains the *Nominative*, which whether it were a Case or no, was much disputed by the Antients. The *Peripatetics* held it to be no *Case*, and likened the Noun, in this its *primary* and *original Form*, to a perpendicular Line, such for example, as the line AB.



The Variations from the Nominative, they considered as if A B were to fall from its perpendicular, as for example, to A C, or A D. Hence then they only called these Variations, ΠΤΩΣΕΙΣ, *CASUS*, CASES, or

Ch.IV. **FALLINGS.** The Stoics on the contrary,   
 and the Grammarians with them, made the *Nominative* a **CASE** also. Words they considered (as it were) *to fall from the Mind*, or *discursive Faculty*. Now when a Noun fell thence *in its primary Form*, they then called it ΠΤΩΣΙΣ ΟΡΘΗ, **CASUS REC-TUS**, **AN ERECT**, or **UPRIGHT CASE** or **FALLING**, such as **A B**, and by this name they distinguished the *Nominative*. When it *fell from the Mind under any of its variations*, as for example in the form of a *Genitive*, a *Dative*, or the like, such variations they called ΠΤΩΣΕΙΣ ΠΛΑΓΙΑΙ, **CASUS OBLIQUI**, **OBLIQUE CASES**, or **SIDE-LONG FALLINGS** (such as **A C**, or **A D**) in opposition to the other (that is **A B**) which was *erect and perpendicular* (a). Hence too Grammarians called the Method of enumerating the various Cases of a Noun, ΚΛΙΣΙΣ, **DECLINATIO**, a **DECLENSION**,   
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(a) See *Ammon.* in *Libr. de Interpr.* p. 35.

it being a sort of *progressive Descent* from Ch. IV.,  
the Noun's upright Form thro' its various —  
declining Forms, that is, a Descent from  
A B, to A C, A D, &c.

OF these CASES we shall treat but of four, that is to say, the NOMINATIVE, the ACCUSATIVE, the GENITIVE, and the DATIVE.

IT has been said already in the preceding Chapter, that the great Objects of natural Union are SUBSTANCE and ATTRIBUTE. Now from this *Natural Concord* arises the *Logical Concord* of SUBJECT and PREDICATE, and the *Grammatical Concord* of SUBSTANTIVE and ATTRIBUTIVE (b). These CONCORDS in SPEECH produce PROPOSITIONS and SENTENCES, as that previous CONCORD in NATURE produces NATURAL BEINGS. This being admitted,

(b) See before, p. 264.

Ch.IV. admitted, we proceed by observing, that when a Sentence is regular and orderly, *Nature's Substance*, the *Logician's Subject*, and the *Grammarians Substantive* are all denoted by that Case, which we call the **NOMINATIVE**. For example, CÆSAR *pugnat*, ÆS *fingitur*, DOMUS *œdificatur*. We may remark too by the way, that the *Character of this Nominative* may be learnt from its *Attributive*. The Action implied in *pugnat*, shews its Nominative CÆSAR to be an Active efficient Cause; the Passion implied in *fingitur*, shews its Nominative ÆS to be a Passive Subject, as does the Passion in *œdificatur* prove DOMUS to be an Effect.

As therefore every *Attributive* would as far as possible conform itself to its *Substantive*, so for this reason, when it has Cases, it imitates its *Substantive*, and appears as a *Nominative* also. So we find it in such instances as—CICERO *est* ELOQUENS; VITIUM *est* TURPE; HOMO *est*

ANIMAL, &c. When it has no Cases, Ch.IV. (as happens with Verbs) it is forced to ~~the~~ content itself with such assimilations as it has, those of Number and Person\*; as when we say, CICERO LOQUITUR; NOS LOQUIMUR; HOMINES LOQUUNTUR.

FROM what has been said, we may make the following observations—that as there can be *no Sentence without a Substantive*, so that Substantive, if the Sentence be *regular*, is always denoted by a *Nominative*—that on this occasion *all the Attributives, that have Cases, appear as Nominatives also*—that there may be a regular and perfect Sentence *without any of the other Cases*, but that *without one Nominative at least*, this is utterly impossible. Hence therefore we form its Character and Description—THE NOMINATIVE *is that Case, without which there can be no regular*

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\* What sort of Number and Person Verbs have, see before, p. 170, 171.

Ch.IV. *lar (c)* and *perfect Sentence*. We are now  
 to search after another Case.

WHEN the *Attributive* in any Sentence is some *Verb denoting Action*, we may be assured the *principal Substantive* is some *active efficient Cause*. So we may call *Achilles* and *Lysippus* in such Sentences as *Achilles vulneravit*, *Lysippus fecit*. But though this be evident and clearly understood, the Mind is still *in suspense*, and finds its conception *incomplete*. ACTION, it well knows, not only requires some *Agent*, but it must have a *Subject* also to work on, and it must produce some *Effect*. It is then to denote one of these (that is, the *Subject* or the *Effect*) that the Authors of Language

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(c) We have added *regular* as well as *perfect*, because there may be *irregular* Sentences, which may be *perfect* without a *Nominative*. Of this kind are all Sentences, made out of those Verbs, called by the Stoics Παρα-  
 συμβάματα or Παρακατηγορίματα, such as Σωκράτες  
 μετάμελει, *Socratem pænitet*, &c. See before, p. 180.

guage have destined THE ACCUSATIVE. Ch. IV.  
*Achilles vulneravit HECTOREM*—here the Accusative denotes the Subject. *Lyssippus fecit STATUAS*—here the Accusative denotes the Effect. By these additional Explanations the Mind becomes satisfied, and the Sentences acquire a Perfection, which before they wanted. In whatever other manner, whether figuratively, or with Prepositions, this Case may have been used, its first destination seems to have been that here mentioned, and hence therefore we shall form its Character and Description—THE ACCUSATIVE is that Case, which to an efficient Nominative and a Verb of Action subjoins either the Effect or the passive Subject. We have still left the Genitive and the Dative, which we investigate, as follows.

IT has been said in the preceding Chapter (d), that when the Places of the Nominative

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(d) See before, p. 265.

Ch.IV. *minative* and the *Accusative* are filled by proper Substantives, other Substantives are annexed by the help of *Prepositions*. Now, though this be so far true in the modern Languages, that (a very few instances excepted) they know no other method; yet is not the rule of equal latitude with respect to the *Latin* or *Greek*, and that from reasons which we are about to offer.

AMONG the various Relations of Substantives denoted by Prepositions, there appear to be two principal ones; and these are, the *Term* or *Point*, which something commences FROM, and the *Term* or *Point*, which something tends TO. These Relations the *Greeks* and *Latins* thought of so great importance, as to distinguish them, when they occurred, by peculiar Terminations of their own, which express their force, without the help of a Preposition. Now it is here we behold the Rise of the antient Genitive, and Dative, the **GENITIVE** being formed to express all Relations

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commencing FROM *itself*; THE DATIVE, Ch.IV.  
*all Relations tending to itself.* Of this —  
 there can be no stronger proof, than the  
 Analysis of these Cases in the modern  
 Languages, which we have mentioned  
 already (e).

IT is on these Principles that they say in  
 Greek—Δεομαί ΣΟΥ, δίδωμι ΣΟΙ, Of  
*thee I ask, To thee I give.* The reason  
 is, in requests the person requested is one  
 whom something is expected *from*; in  
 donations, the person presented, is one  
 whom something passes *to*. So again—  
 (f) Πεποίηται λίθος, *it is made of Stone.* Stone  
 was the passive Subject, and thus it appears  
 in the *Genitive*, as being the *Term from*,  
 or *out of which.* Even in *Latin*, where  
 the Syntax is more formal and strict, we  
 read—

*Implentur*

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(e) See before, p. 275. 276.

(f) Χρυσοῦς πεποιημένος, καὶ ἐλέφαντος, *made of Gold*  
*and Ivory.* So says *Pausanias* of the *Olympian Jupiter*,  
*L. V. p. 400.* See also *Hom. Iliad. Σ. 574.*

Ch.IV. *Implentur veteris Bacchi, pinguisque ferinae.*  
 Virg.

The old Wine and Venison were the funds or stores, *of* or *from* which they were filled. Upon the same principles, Πίνω τὴν ὕδατος, is a Phrase in Greek; and, *Je bois de l'eau*, a Phrase in French, as much as to say, *I take some or a certain part, FROM or OUT OF a certain whole.*

WHEN we meet in Language such Genitives as *the Son of a Father*; *the Father of a Son*; *the Picture of a Painter*; *the Painter of a Picture*, &c. these are all RELATIVES, and therefore each of them reciprocally a *Term or Point* to the other, **FROM** or **OUT OF** which it derives its *Essence*, or at least its *Intellection* (g).

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(g) All Relatives are said to reciprocate, or mutually infer each other, and therefore they are often express by this Case, that is to say, the Genitive. Thus *Aristotle*, Πάντα δὲ τὰ τρόφιμα τοῖς αὐτοῖς φύσεις λέγεται, οἷοι

THE *Dative*, as it implies *Tendency to*, Ch. IV. is employed among its other uses to denote the FINAL CAUSE, that being the Cause to which all Events, not fortuitous, may be said to tend. It is thus used in the following instances, among innumerable others.

— *TIBI suaveis dædala tellus*  
*Submittit flores* — Lucret.

— *TIBI brachia contrahit ardens*  
*Scorpios* — Virg. G. I.

— *TIBI serviat ultima Thule.*  
Ibid.

AND so much for CASES, their Origin and Use; a Sort of Forms, or Terminations,

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οῖον ὁ δὲλφις δεσπότης δὲλφις, καὶ ὁ δεσπότης δὲλφις δεσπότης λέγεται εἶναι, καὶ τὸ διπλάσιον ἡμίσερφο διπλάσιον, καὶ τὸ ἡμίσιον διπλασία ἡμίσιον. *Omnia vero, quæ sunt ad aliquid, referuntur ad ea, quæ reciprocantur. Ut servus dicitur domini servus; et dominus, servi dominus; necnon duplum, dimidii duplum; et dimidium, dupli dimidium.* Categor. C. VII.

Ch.IV. tions, which we could not well pass over, from their great importance (*h*) both in the *Greek* and *Latin* Tongues ; but which however, not being among the Essentials of Language, and therefore not to be found in many particular Languages, can be hardly said to fall within the limits of our Inquiry.

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(*b*) *Annon et illud observatione dignum (licet nobis modernis spiritu non nihil redundat) antiquas Lingas plenas declinationum, casum, conjugationum, et similius fuisse; modernas, his ferè destitutas, plurima per præpositiones et verba auxiliaria segniter expedire?* Sanè facile quis conjiciat (*utcunque nobis ipsi placeamus*) ingenia priorum seculorum nostris fuisse multo acutiora et subtiliora. *Bacon, de Augm. Scient. VI. 1.*

## C H A P. V.

Concerning Interjections—Recapitulation—  
Conclusion.

BESIDES the Parts of Speech before Ch. V. mentioned, there remains THE INTERJECTION. Of this Kind among the Greeks are  $\Omega$ ,  $\Phi\tilde{v}$ ,  $\Lambda\iota$ , &c. among the Latins; *Ah!* *Heu!* *Hei!* &c. among the English, *Ah!* *Alas!* *Fie!* &c. These the Greeks have ranged among their *Adverbs*; improperly, if we consider the Adverbial Nature, which always co-incides with some Verb, as its Principal, and to which it always serves in the character of an *Attributive*. Now INTERJECTIONS co-incide with no Part of Speech, but are either uttered alone, or else thrown into a Sentence, without altering its Form, either in Syntax or Signification. The Latins seem therefore to have done better in  $\dagger$  separating

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$\dagger$  Vid. Servium in *Aeneid* XII. v. 486.

Ch. V. rating them by themselves, and giving them a name by way of distinction from the rest.

SHOULD it be ask'd, if not Adverbs, what then are they? It may be answered, not so properly Parts of Speech, as adventitious Sounds; certain VOICES OF NATURE, rather than Voices of *Art*, expressing those Passions and natural Emotions, which spontaneously arise in the human Soul, upon the View or Narrative of interesting Events (a).

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(a) INTERJECTIONES a Græcis ad Adverbia referuntur, atque eos sequitur etiam Boethius. Et recte quidem de iis, quando casum regunt. Sed quando orationi solum inferuntur, ut nota affectus, velut suspirii aut metus, vix videntur ad classem aliquam pertinere, ut quæ NATURALES sint NOTÆ; non, aliarum vocum instar, ex instituto significant. Voss. de Anal. L. I. c. 1. INTERJECTIO est Vox affectum mentis significans, ac citra verbi opem sententiam complens. Ibid. c. 3. Restat. clas. sum extrema, INTERJECTIO. Hujus appellatio non simi-

“ AND thus we have found that ALL Ch. V.  
 WORDS ARE EITHER SIGNIFICANT BY —  
 “ THEMSELVES, OR ONLY SIGNIFICANT,

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similiter se habet ac *Conjunctionis*. Nam cum hæc dicatur *Conjunctionis*, quia cōjungat; *Interjectio* tamen, non quia interjacet, sed quia interjicitur, nomen accepit. Nec tamen de *scīp̄* ejus est, ut *interjiciatur*; cum per se compleat sententiam, nec raro ab eā incipiatur oratio. Ibid. L. IV. c. 28. *INTERJECTIONEM* non esse partem *Orationis* sic ostendo: *Quod naturale est, idem est apud omnes*: Sed gemitus & signa lætitiae idem sunt apud omnes: Sunt igitur naturales. Si vero naturales, non sunt partes *Orationis*. Nam eæ partes, secundum Aristotelem, ex *instituto*, non naturā, debent constare. *Interjectionem* *Græci* *Adverbis* adnumerant; sed falso. Nam neque, &c. Sanct. Minet. L. I. c. 2. *INTERJECTIONEM* *Græci* inter *Adverbia* ponunt, quoniam hæc quoque vel adjungitur verbis, vel verba ei subaudiuntur. Ut si dicam—*Papæ!* quid video?—vel per se—*Papæ!*—etiam si non addatur, Miror; habet in se ipsius verbi significationem. Quæ res maxime fecit Romanarum artium Scriptores separatim hanc partem ab *Adverbis* accipere; quia videtur effectum habere in sese Verbi, et plenam motū animi significationem, etiam si non addatur Verbum, demonstrare. *Interjectio* tamen non solum illa, quæ dicunt *Græci* σχετλιασμὸν, significat; sed etiam voces, quæ cujuscunque passionis animi pulsū per exclamacionem interjiciuntur. Prisc. L. XV.

Ch. V. "WHEN ASSOCIATED—that those significant by themselves, denote either SUBSTANCES or ATTRIBUTES, and are called for that reason SUBSTANTIVES and ATTRIBUTIVES—that the Substantives are either NOUNS or PRONOUNS—that the ATTRIBUTIVES are either PRIMARY or SECONDARY—that the Primary ATTRIBUTIVES are either VERBS, PARTICIPLES, or ADJECTIVES; the Secondary, ADVERBS—Again, that the Parts of Speech, only significant when associated, are either DEFINITIVES or CONNECTIVES—that the Definitives are either ARTICULAR, or PRONOMINAL—and that the Connectives are either PREPOSITIONS or CONJUNCTIONS."

AND thus have we resolved LANGUAGE, AS A WHOLE INTO ITS CONSTITUENT PARTS, which was the first thing, that we proposed, in the course of this Inquiry (b).

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(b) See before, p. 7.

BUT now as we conclude, methinks I Ch. V.  
hear some Objector, demanding with an air of pleasantry, and ridicule—“ *Is there*  
“ *no speaking then without all this trouble?*  
“ *Do we not talk every one of us, as well*  
“ *unlearned, as learned; as well poor Pea-*  
“ *sants, as profound Philosophers?*” We  
may answer by interrogating on our part  
—Do not those same poor Peasants use  
the Levar and the Wedge, and many  
other Instruments, with much habitual  
readiness? And yet have they any con-  
ception of those Geometrical Principles,  
from which those Machines derive their  
Efficacy and Force? And is the Ignorance  
of these Peasants, a reason for others to  
remain ignorant; or to render the Subject  
a less becoming Inquiry? Think of Ani-  
mals, and Vegetables, that occur every  
day—of Time, of Place, and of Motion  
—of Light, of Colours, and of Gravita-  
tion—of our very Senses and Intellect,  
by which we perceive every thing else—

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Ch. V. THAT they are, we all know, and are  
 —— perfectly satisfied—WHAT they are, is  
 a Subject of much obscurity and doubt.  
 Were we to reject this last Question, be-  
 cause we are certain of the first, we should  
 banish all Philosophy at once out of the  
 world (c).

BUT a graver Objector now accosts us.  
 “What (says he) is the UTILITY?  
 “Whence the Profit, where the Gain?”  
 Every Science whatever (we may an-  
 swer) has its Use. Arithmetic is excel-  
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(c) Ἀλλ' ἔτι πολλὰ τῶν ὄντων, ἀ τὴν μὲν ὑπαρξίᾳ  
 ἔχει γνωριμωτάτην, ἀγνωστότην δὲ τὴν ὕστερην. ὁσπερ  
 ἦτε κίνησις, οὐδὲ τόπος, ἔτι δὲ μᾶλλον ὁ χρόνος.  
 Ἐκαὶς γὰρ τέτων τὸ μὲν εἶναι γνώριμον οὐδὲ ἀναμφίλεπ-  
 τον· τίς δὲ ποτέ ἔτιν αὐτῶν οὐδείς, τῶν χαλεπωτάτων  
 ὄραθνας. Ἐτι δὲ δὴ τί τῶν τοιότων οὐδὲ ψυχή· τὸ  
 μὲν γὰρ εἶναι τι τὴν ψυχὴν, γνωριμώτατον οὐδὲ φανε-  
 ρώτατον· τί δὲ ποτέ ἔτιν, οὐδὲ πάδιον καταμαθεῖν.  
 Ἀλεξανδρ. Ἀφροδ. Περὶ ψυχῆς, Β'. p. 142.

lent for the gauging of Liquors ; Geome- Ch. V.  
try, for the measuring of Estates ; Astro-  
nomy, for the making of Almanacks ; and  
Grammar perhaps, for the drawing of  
Bonds and Conveyances.

THUS much to the *Sordid*—If the *Liberal* ask for something better than this, we may answer and assure them from the best authorities, that every Exercise of the Mind upon Theorems of Science, like generous and manly Exercise of the Body, tends to call forth and strengthen Nature's original Vigour. Be the Subject itself immediately lucrative or not, the Nerves of Reason are braced by the mere Employ, and we become abler Actors in the Drama of Life, whether our Part be of the busier, or of the sedater kind.

Ch. V. *PERHAPS too there is a Pleasure even in Science itself, distinct from any End, to which it may be farther conducive. Are not Health and Strength of Body desirable for their own sakes, tho' we happen not to be fated either for Porters or Draymen; And have not Health and Strength of Mind their intrinsic Worth also, tho' not condemned to the low drudgery of sordid Emolument? Why should there not be a Good (could we have the Grace to recognize it) in the mere Energy of our Intellect, as much as in Energies of lower degree? The Sportsman believes there is Good in his Chace; the Man of Gaiety, in his Intrigue; even the Glutton, in his Meal.* We may justly ask of these, *why they pursue such things; but if they answer, they pursue them, because they are Good, it would be folly to ask them farther, why they PURSUE what is Good.* It might well in such case be replied on their

their behalf (how strange soever it may Ch. V. at first appear) *that if there was not something Good, which was in no respect USEFUL, even things useful themselves could not possibly have existence.* For this is in fact no more than to assert, that some things are ENDS, some things are MEANS, and that if there were no ENDS, there could be of course no MEANS.

IT should seem then the Grand Question was, **WHAT IS GOOD**—that is to say, *what is that which is desirable, not for something else, but for itself*; for whether it be the Chace, or the Intrigue, or the Meal, may be fairly questioned, since Men in each instance are far from being agreed,

IN the mean time it is plain from daily experience, there are infinite Pleasures, Amusements, and Diversions, some for Summer, others for Winter; some for Country

Ch. V. Country, others for Town ; some, easy, indolent, and soft ; others, boisterous, active, and rough ; a multitude diversified to every taste, and which for the time are enjoyed as **PERFECT GOOD**, *without a thought of any End, that may be farther obtained*. Some Objects of this kind are at times sought by all men, excepting alone that contemptible Tribe, who, from a love to the Means of life wholly forgetting its End, are truly for that reason called *Misers*, or Miserable.

If there be supposed then a Pleasure, a Satisfaction, a Good, a Something valuable for its self without view to any thing farther, in so many Objects of the *subordinate* kind ; shall we not allow the same praise to the *sublimeſt* of all Objects ? Shall **THE INTELLECT** alone feel no pleasures in its *Energy*, when we allow them to the grosseſt Energies of Appetite, and Sense ? Or if the Reality of all Pleasures and Goods were

were to be controverted, may not the *In-* Ch. V.,  
*Intellectual* Sort be defended, as rationally as  
any of them? Whatever may be urged in  
behalf of the rest (for we are not now  
arraigning them) we may safely affirm of  
INTELLECTUAL GOOD, that it is “ the  
“ Good of that Part, which is most ex-  
“ cellent within us ; that it is a Good ac-  
“ commodated to all Places and Times ;  
“ which neither depends on the will of  
“ others, nor on the affluence of external  
“ Fortune ; that it is a Good, which de-  
“ cays not with decaying Appetites, but  
“ often rises in vigour, when those are no  
“ more (d).”

THERE is a Difference, we must own,  
between this *Intellectual* Virtue, and *Moral*  
Virtue. MORAL VIRTUE, from its Em-  
ployment, may be called more HUMAN,  
as

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(d) See Vol. I. p. 119, 120, &c.

Ch. V. as it tempers our Appetites to the purposes  
of human Life. But INTELLECTUAL  
VIRTUE may be surely called more DI-  
VINE, if we consider the Nature and Sub-  
limity of its End.

INDEED for *Moral Virtue*, as it is al-  
most wholly conversant about Appetites,  
and Affections, either to reduce the natural  
ones to a proper Mean, or totally to expel  
the unnatural and vicious, it would be im-  
pious to suppose THE DEITY to have oc-  
cation for such an Habit, or that any  
work of this kind should call for his at-  
tention. Yet GOD IS, and LIVES. So  
we are assured from Scripture it self.  
What then may we suppose the DIVINE  
LIFE to be? Not a Life of Sleep, as  
Fables tell us of *Endymion*. If we may  
be allowed then to conjecture with a be-  
coming reverence, what more likely, than  
A PERPETUAL ENERGY OF THE PUREST  
INTELLECT ABOUT THE FIRST, ALL-  
COMPREHENSIVE

COMPREHENSIVE OBJECTS OF INTEL- Ch. V.  
 LECTION, WHICH OBJECTS ARE NO ~~—~~  
 OTHER THAN THAT INTELLECT IT-  
 SELF? For in pure INTELLECTION it  
 holds the reverse of all Sensation, that  
 THE PERCEIVER AND THING PER-  
 CEIVED are ALWAYS ONE AND THE  
 SAME (e).

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(e) Ἐτ ἔν θτως εῦ ἔχει, ὡς ἡμεῖς ποτὲ, ὁ Θεὸς ἀεὶ,  
 Θαυμασόν· εἰ δὲ μᾶλλον, ἔτι Θαυμασιώτερον· ἔχει δὲ  
 ὥδε, καὶ ζωὴ δὲ γε ὑπάρχει· οὐ γὰρ Νῦ ἐνέργεια, ζωὴ·  
 Ἐκεῖνος δε, οὐ ἐνέργεια· ἐνέργεια δὲ οὐ καθ' ἀντην, ἐκεῖνος  
 ζωὴ ἀρίστη καὶ αἰδίος. Φαμὲν δὲ τὸν Θεὸν εἶναι ζῶον  
 αἰδίον, ἀρίστον· οὕτε ζωὴ καὶ αἰών συνεχῆς καὶ αἰδίος  
 ὑπάρχει τῷ Θεῷ· ΤΟΥΤΟ γὰρ ο ΘΕΟΣ. Τῶν  
 μετὰ τὰ Φυσ. Λ'. ζ'. It is remarkable in Scripture  
 that GOD is peculiarly characterized as A LIVING  
 GOD, in opposition to all false and imaginary Deities,  
 of whom some had no pretensions to Life at all; others  
 to none higher than that of Vegetables or Brutes; and  
 the best were nothing better than illustrious Men, whose  
 existence was circumscribed by the short period of Hu-  
 manity.

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Ch. V. It was Speculation of this kind concerning THE DIVINE NATURE, which induced one of the wisest among the Antients to believe—“ That the Man, “ who could live in the pure enjoyment “ of his *Mind*, and who properly culti-“ vated that *divine Principle*, was *happiest* “ *in himself*, and *most beloved by the Gods*. “ For if the Gods had any regard to “ what past among Men (as it appeared “ they had) it was probable they should “ rejoice in *that which was most excellent*, “ and by nature *the most nearly allied to* “ *themselves*; and, as this was *MIND*, “ that they should requite the Man, who “ *most loved and honoured This*, both “ *from his regard to that which was* “ *dear*

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To the passage above quoted, may be added another, which immediately precedes it. Ἀυτὸν δὲ νοεῖ ὁ νᾶς κατὰ μετάληψιν τὴν νοητὴν νοητὸς γὰρ γίνεται, Θιγβάνως ἡ νοῶν ὡς ΤΑΥΤΟΝ ΝΟΥΣ ΚΑΙ ΝΟΗΤΟΝ.

“ dear to themselves, and from his act- Ch. V.  
“ ing a Part, which was laudable and —  
“ right (f).”

AND thus in all SCIENCE there is something *valuable for itself*, because it contains within it something which is *divine*.

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(f) Ἡθικ· Νικομάχ· τὸ Κ'. κεφ. ή.

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## H E R M E S

OR A PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY  
CONCERNING UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR.

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## B O O K III.

## C H A P. I.

*Introduction—Division of the Subject into  
its principal Parts.*

SOME things the MIND performs Ch. I. thro' the BODY; as for example, the various Works and Energies of Art. Others it performs *without such Medium*; as for example, when it thinks, and reasons, and concludes. Now tho' the Mind, in either case, may be called the Principle or Source, yet are these last

Ch. I. more properly *its own* peculiar Acts, as  
 being immediately referable to its own innate Powers. And thus is MIND ultimately *the Cause of all*; of every thing at least that is *Fair and Good*.

AMONG those Acts of Mind more immediately its own, that of *mental Separation* may be well reckoned one. *Corporeal Separations*, however accurate otherwise, are in one respect incomplete, as they may be repeated without end. The smallest Limb, severed from the smallest Animalcule (if we could suppose any instrument equal to such dissection) has still a triple Extension of length, breadth, and thickness; has a figure, a colour, with perhaps many other qualities; and so will continue to have, tho' thus divided to infinity. But (a) the *Mind* surmounts all power of *Concretion*,

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(a) *Itaque Naturæ facienda est prorsus Solutio & Separatio; non per Ignem certe, sed per Mentem, tanquam ignem divinum.* Bacon. Organ. Lib. II. 16.

cretion, and can place in the simplest Ch. I. manner every Attribute by itself; convex without concave; colour without superficies; superficies without Body; and Body without its Accidents; as distinctly each one, as tho' they had never been united.

AND thus it is that it penetrates into the recesses of all things, not only dividing them, as *Wholes*, into their *more conspicuous Parts*, but persisting, till it even separate those *Elementary Principles*, which, being blended together after a more mysterious manner, are united in the *minutest Part*, as much as in the *mightiest Whole* (b).

Now if **MATTER** and **FORM** are among these Elements, and deserve perhaps to be esteemed as *the principal* among them, it may not be foreign to the Design of this Treatise, to seek whether *these*, or *any things analogous to them*, may be found in

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(b) See below, p. 312.

Ch. I. SPEECH or LANGUAGE (c). This therefore we shall attempt after the following method.

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(c) See before p. 2. 7. MATTER and FORM (in Greek ΥΛΗ and ΕΙΔΟΣ) were Terms of great import in the days of antient Philosophy, when things were scrutinized rather at their beginning than at their End. They have been but little regarded by modern Philosophy, which almost wholly employs itself about the last order of Substance, that is to say, the *tangible, corporeal or concrete*, and which acknowledges no separations even in this, but those made by mathematical Instruments or Chemical Proces.

The original meaning of the Word ΥΛΗ, was SYLVA, a WOOD. Thus *Homer*,

—Τρέμε δ' ἔρεα μακρὰ καὶ ΥΛΗ,  
Ποσσίν ὑπ' ἀθανάτοις Ποσειδάωνος ιόντος.

*As Neptune past, the Mountains and the Wood  
Trembled beneath the God's immortal Feet.*

Hence as WOOD was perhaps the first and most useful kind of Materials, the Word "Υλη, which denoted it, came to be by degrees extended, and at length to denote MATTER or MATERIALS in general. In this sence Brass was called the "Υλη or *Matter* of a Statue; Stone, the "Υλη or *Matter* of a Pillar; and so in other instances. The *Platonic Chalcidius*, and other Authors

EVERY thing in a manner, whether Ch. I.  
natural or artificial, is in its constitution  
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Authors of the latter Latinity use SYLVA under the same extended and comprehensive Signification.

Now as the Species of *Matter* here mentioned, (Stone, Metal, Wood, &c.) occur most frequently in common life, and are all nothing more than natural Substances or Bodies, hence by the Vulgar, MATTER and BODY have been taken to denote the same thing; *Material* to mean *Corporeal*; *Immaterial*, *Incorporeal*, &c. But this was not the Sentiment of Philosophers of old, by whom the Term *Matter* was seldom used under so narrow an acceptation. By these, every thing was called ΥΛΗ, or MATTER, whether corporeal or incorporeal, which was *capable of becoming something else*, or *of being moulded into something else*, whether from the operation of Art, of Nature, or a higher Cause.

In this sense they not only called *Brafs* the "Υλη of a Statue, and Timber of a Boat, but Letters and Syllables they called the "Υλαι of Words; Words or simple Terms, the "Υλαι of Propositions; and Propositions themselves the "Υλαι of Syllogisms. The Stoicks held all things out of our own power ( $\tauὰ\ \pi\iota\ \iota\phi\ \eta\mu\iota\pi\iota\pi$ ) such as Wealth and Poverty, Honour and Dishonour,

Ch. I. compounded of something COMMON, and  
 something PECULIAR; of something *Common*,  
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Health and Sickness, Life and Death, to be the *Τλαῖ*, or *Materials of Virtue or Moral Goodness*, which had its essence in a proper conduct with respect to all these, (Vid. *Arr. Epiēt.* L. I. c. 29. Also Vol. the first of these miscellaneous Treatises, p. 187, 309. M. Ant. XII. 29. VII. 29. X. 18, 19. where the *Τλικὸν* and *Αἰτιῶδες* are opposed to each other). The *Peripatetics*, tho' they expressly held the Soul to be *ἀσώματος*, or *Incorporeal*, yet still talked of a *Νῆς Τλικὸς*, a *material Mind or Intellecτ*. This to modern Ears may possibly sound somewhat harshly. Yet if we translate the Words, *Natural Capacity*, and consider them as only denoting that *original and native Power of Intellecτion*, which being previous to all *human Knowledge*, is yet necessary to its *reception*; there seems nothing then to remain, that can give us offence. And so much for the Idea of *ΤΛΗ*, or *MATTER*. See *Alex. Aphrod. de Anim.* p. 144. b. 145. *Arist. Metaph.* p. 121, 122, 141. *Edit. Sylb. Procl. in Euclid.* p. 22, 23.

As to *ΕΙΔΟΣ*, its original meaning was that of *FORM* or *FIGURE*, considered as denoting *visible Symmetry*, and *Proportion*; and hence it had its name from *Εἶδω to see*, *Beauty of person* being one of the noblest, and most excellent Objects of *Sight*. Thus *Euripides*,

*Πρῶτον μὲν Εἶδος ἀξιον τυραννίδος.*

*Fair FORM to Empire gave the first pretence.*

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mon, and belonging to many other things; Ch. I.  
and of something *Peculiar*, by which it  
is

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Now as the *Form* or *Figure* of visible Beings tended principally to *distinguish* them, and to give to each its Name and Essence; hence in a more general sense, *whatever of any kind (whether corporeal or incorporeal)* was peculiar, essential, and distinctive, so as by its accession to any Beings, as to its "Τάν or *Matter*, to mark them with a Character, which they had not before, was called by the Antients ΕΙΔΟΣ or *FORM*. Thus not only the *Shape* given to the Brass was called the *Eidōs* or *Form* of the Statue; but the *Proportion* assigned to the Drugs was the *Eidōs* or *Form* of the Medicine; the *orderly Motion* of the human Body was the *Eidōs* or *Form* of the Dance; the *just Arrangement* of the Propositions, the *Eidōs* or *Form* of the Syllogism. In like manner the *rational and accurate Conduct of a wise and good man*, in all the various Relations and Occurrences of life, made that *Eidōs* or *Form*, described by Cicero to his Son,—*FORMAM quidam ipsam, Marce fili, et tanquam faciem HONESTI vides: quæ, si oculis cerneretur, mirabiles amores (ut ait Plato) excitaret sapientiæ, &c.* De Offic. I.

We may go farther still—THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE, which passes thro' all things, and which is the same to our Capacities, as Light is to our Eyes,

Ch. I. is distinguished, and made to be its true  
 and proper self.

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this supreme Intelligence has been called ΕΙΔΟΣ  
 ΕΙΔΩΝ, THE FORM OF FORMS, as being the  
 Fountain of all Symmetry, of all Good, and of all  
 Truth; and as imparting to every Being those *essential*  
 and *distinctive* Attributes, which make it to be *itself*,  
 and *not any thing else*.

And so much concerning FORM, as before concerning MATTER. We shall only add, that it is in the *uniting* of these, that every thing generable begins to exist; in their *separating*, *to perish* and *be at an end*—that while the two co-exist, they co-exist not by *juxta-position*, like the stones in a wall, but by a more *intimate Co-incidence*, complete in the minutest part—that hence, if we were to persist in dividing any substance (for example Marble) to infinity, there would still remain after every section both *Matter* and *Form*, and these as perfectly united, as before the Division began—lastly, that they are both *pre-existent* to the Beings, which they constitute; the *Matter* being to be found in the world at large; the *Form*, if *artificial*, pre-existing within the *Artificer*, or if *natural*, within the *supreme Cause*, the Sovereign Artist of the Universe,

—*Pulchrum pulcherrimus ipse*

*Mundum mente gerens, similique in imagine formans.*

Even

HENCE LANGUAGE, if compared ac- Ch. I.  
cording to this notion to the murmurs of  
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Even without speculating so high as this, we may see among all animal and vegetable Substances, the Form pre-existing in their *immediate generating Causa*; Oak being the parent of Oak, Lion of Lion, Man of Man, &c.

Cicero's account of these Principles is as follows.

#### MATTER.

*Sed subiectam putant omnibus sine ulla specie, atque carentem omni illa qualitate (faciamus enim tractando usitatis hoc verbum et tritus) MATERIAM quandam, ex quâ omnia expressa atque efficta sint: (quæ tota omnia accipere possit, omnibusque modis mutari atque ex omni parte) eoque etiam interire, non in nihilum, &c.* Acad. I. 8.

#### FORM.

*Sed ego sic statuo, nihil esse in ullo genere tam pulchrum, quo non pulchrius id sit, unde illud, ut ex ore aliquo, quasi imago, exprimatur, quod neque oculis, neque auribus, neque ullo sensu percipi potest: cogitatione tantum et mente complectimur. — HAS RERUM FORMAS appellat Ideas ille non intelligendi solum, sed etiam dicendi gravissimus auctor et magister, Plato: easque gigni negat, et ait semper esse, ac ratione et intelligentiâ contineri: cetera nasci, occidere, fluere, labi; nec diutiùs esse uno et*

Ch. I. a Fountain, or the dashings of a Cataract, has in common this, that like them, *it is a SOUND*. But then on the contrary it has *in peculiar* this, that whereas those Sounds have *no Meaning or Signification*, to Language *a MEANING or SIGNIFICATION is essential*. Again, *Language*, if compared to the Voice of irrational Animals, has *in common* this, that like them, *it has a Meaning*. But then it has this *in peculiar* to distinguish it from them, that whereas the *Meaning* of those Animal Sounds is derived *from NATURE*, that of Language is derived, not from Nature, but *from COMPACT (d)*.

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*eodem statu. Quidquid est igitur, de quo ratione et via  
disputetur, id est ad ultimam sui generis Formam speciem-  
que redigendum.* Cic. ad M. Brut. Orat.

(d) The *Peripatetics* (and with just reason) in all their definitions as well of Words as of Sentences, made it a part of their character to be significant *κατὰ συνθήσιν*, by *Compact*. See *Aristot. de Interp.* c. 2. 4. *Boethius* translates the Words *κατὰ συνθήσιν*, *ad placitum*,

From hence it becomes evident, that Ch. I. LANGUAGE, taken in the most comprehensive view, *implies certain Sounds, having certain Meanings*; and that of these two Principles, the SOUND is as the MATTER, common (like other Matter) to many different things; the MEANING as that peculiar and characteristic FORM, by which the Nature or Essence of Language becomes complete.

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*tum, or secundum placitum, and thus explains them in his comment—SECUNDUM PLACITUM vero est, quod secundum quandam positionem, placitumque ponentis aptatur; nullum enim nomen naturaliter constitutum est, neque unquam, sicut subiecta res à naturâ est, ita quoque a naturâ veniente vocabulo nuncupatur. Sed hominum genus, quod et ratione, et oratione vigeret, nomina posuit, eaque quibus libuit literis syllabisque conjungens, singulis subiectarum rerum substantiis dedit. Boeth. in Lib. de Interpret. p. 308.*

## C H A P. II.

*Upon the Matter, or common Subject of Language.*

Ch. II. **T**HE ΤΑΗ or MATTER OF LANGUAGE comes first to be considered, a Subject, which Order will not suffer us to omit, but in which we shall endeavour to be as concise as we can. Now this ΤΑΗ or Matter is SOUND, and SOUND is *that Sensation peculiar to the Sense of Hearing, when the Air hath felt a Percussion, adequate to the producing such Effect* (a).

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(a) This appears to be *Priscian's* Meaning when he says of a VOICE, what is more properly true of SOUND in general, that it is—*suum sensibile aurium, id est, quod propriè auribus accidit.* Lib. I. p. 537.

The following account of the Stoics, which refers the cause of SOUND to an *Undulation in the Air propagated circularly*, as when we drop a stone into a Cistern of water, seems to accord with the modern Hypothesis, and

As the Causes of this Percussion are Ch. II. various, so from hence Sound derives the Variety of its Species.

FARTHER, as all these Causes are either Animal or Inanimate, so the two grand Species of Sounds are likewise *Animal* or *Inanimate*.

THERE is no peculiar Name for *Sound Inanimate*; nor even for that of Animals, when made by the trampling of their Feet, the fluttering of their Wings, or any other Cause, which is merely *accidental*. But that,

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and to be as plausible as any—'Ακούειν δὲ, τὰ μεταξὺ τῆς τε Φωνοῦντος καὶ τῆς αἰδοντος αέρος τωλητομένης σφαιροειδῶς, ξεῖται κυματουμένη, καὶ ταῖς ἀκοαῖς προσπίποντος, ὡς κυματεῖται τὸ ἐν τῇ δεξιᾷ μενῇ ὕδωρ κατὰ κύκλους ὑπὸ τῶν ἐμβληθέντος λίθων—Porrò audire, cum is, qui mediis inter loquentem, et audientem est, aer verberatur orbiculariter, deinde agitatus auribus influit, quemadmodum et cisternæ aqua per orbes injecto agitatur lapide. Diog. Laert. VII.

Ch. II. that, which they make by proper Organs, in consequence of some Sensation or inward Impulse, such Animal Sound is called a VOICE.

As Language therefore implies that Sound called HUMAN VOICE ; we may perceive that to know the Nature and Powers of the Human Voice, is in fact to know THE MATTER or common Subject of Language.

Now the Voice of Man, and it should seem of all other Animals, is formed by certain Organs between the Mouth and the Lungs, and which Organs maintain the intercourse between these two. The Lungs furnish Air, out of which the Voice is formed ; and the Mouth, when the Voice is formed, serves to publish it abroad.

WHAT these Vocal Organs precisely are, is not in all respects agreed by Philo-

sophers and Anatomists. Be this as it Ch. II. will, it is certain that the *mere primary and simple Voice is completely formed, before ever it reach the Mouth*, and can therefore (as well as Breathing) find a Passage thro' the Nose, when the Mouth is so far stopt, as to prevent the least utterance.

Now *pure and simple Voice*, being thus produced, is (as before was observed) transmitted to the Mouth. HERE then, by means of certain *different Organs*, which do not change its primary Qualities, but only superadd others, it receives the *Form or Character of ARTICULATION*. For ARTICULATION is in fact nothing else, than *that Form or Character, acquired to simple Voice, by means of the Mouth and its several Organs, the Teeth, the Tongue, the Lips, &c.* The Voice is not by Articulation made more grave or acute, more loud or soft (which are its *primary Qualities*) but it acquires to these Characters certain

Ch. II. certain others *additional*, which are perfectly adapted to exist along with them (b).

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(b) The several Organs above mentioned not only serve the purposes of *Speech*, but those very different ones likewise of *Mastication* and *Respiration*; so frugal is Nature in thus assigning them double duty, and so careful to maintain her character of *doing nothing in vain*.

He, that would be informed, how much better the Parts here mentioned are framed for *Discourse* in *Man*, who is a *Discursive Animal*, than they are in other Animals, who are not so, may consult *Aristotle* in his *Treatise de Animal. Part. Lib. II. c. 17. L. III. c. 1. 3. De Animâ. L. II. c. 8. § 23*, &c.

And here by the way, if such Inquirer be of a Genius truly modern, he may possibly wonder how the Philosopher, considering (as it is modestly phrased) the Age in which he lived, should know so much, and reason so well. But if he have any taste or value for antient literature, he may with much juster cause wonder at the Vanity of his Contemporaries, who dream all Philosophy to be the Invention of their own Age, knowing nothing of those Antients still remaining for their perusal, tho' they are so ready on every occasion to give the preference to *themselves*.

The following account from *Ammonius* will shew whence the Notions in this chapter are taken, and what

THE *simplest* of these new Characters Ch. II.  
are those acquired thro' the mere Openings —  
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what authority we have to distinguish VOICE from  
merc SOUND ; and ARTICULATE VOICE from SIMPLE VOICE.

Καὶ ΨΟΦΟΣ μὲν ἐστι τὸνη ἀέρος αἰσθητὴ ἀκοή·  
ΦΩΝΗ δὲ, ψόφος ἐξ ἐμψυχειούσιος, ὅταν διὰ  
τῆς συσολῆς τὸ θάρακος ἐκθλιβόμενος ἀπὸ τῆς πνεύμονος  
οἱ εἰσπνευθεῖς ἀπὸ προσπίπτη ἀθρόως τῇ καλλιμένῃ τρα-  
χείᾳ ἀρτηρίᾳ, καὶ τῇ ὑπερώᾳ, ἢτοι τῷ γαργαρεῶν, καὶ  
διὰ τῆς τὸνης ἀποτελῆ τινα ἥχον αἰσθητὸν, κατὰ τινα  
όρμην τῆς ψυχῆς· ὅπερ ἐπὶ τῶν ἐμπνευσῶν παρὰ τοῖς  
μυστικοῖς καλλιμένων ὀργάνων συμβαίνει, οἷον αὐλῶν καὶ  
συρίγγων· τῆς γλώττης, καὶ τῶν ὁδούτων, καὶ χειλέων  
πρὸς μὲν ΤΗΝ ΔΙΑΛΕΚΤΟΝ ἀναγκαίων ὅντων,  
πρὸς δὲ ΤΗΝ ἈΠΛΩΣ ΦΩΝΗΝ ἢ πάντως συμ-  
βαλλομένων.—*Estque SONUS, id est aeris qui auditu sen-  
titur: Vox autem est sonus, quem animans edit, cum per  
thoracis compressionem aer attrahitus a pulmone, elitus simul  
totus in arteriam, quam asperam vocant, et palatum, aut  
gurgulionem impingit, et ex ictu sonum quendam sensibilem  
pro animi quodam impetu perficit. Id quod in instrumentis  
quea quia inflant, ideo et peritus a musicis dicuntur, usu  
venit, ut in tibiis, ac fistulis contingit, cum lingua, dentes,  
labiaque ad loquaciam necessaria sint, ad vocem vero simpli-  
cem non omnino conferant. Ammon. in Lib. de Intrepr.  
p. 25. b. Vid. etiam Boerhaave Institut. Medic.  
Sect. 626. 630.*

Ch. II. of the Mouth, as these Openings differ in giving the Voice a Passage. It is the Variety of Configurations in these Openings only, which gives birth and origin to the several VOWELS; and hence it is they derive their Name, by being thus *eminently Vocal* (c). and *easy to be sounded of themselves alone.*

THERE are other articulate Forms, which the Mouth makes not by mere Openings, but by *different Contacts of its different parts*; such for instance, as it makes by the Junction of the two Lips, of the Tongue with

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It appears that the *Stoics* (contrary to the notion of the *Peripatetics*) used the word ΦΩΝΗ to denote SOUND in general. They defined it therefore to be—Τὸ ἴδιον ἀισθητὸν ἀνοῆς, which justifies the definition given by *Priscian*, in the Note preceding. ANIMAL SOUND they defined to be—Ἄνηπ ὑπὸ ὄρμῆς πεπληγμένος, *Air struck* (and so made audible) *by some animal impulse*; and HUMAN or RATIONAL SOUND they defined—Ἐναρθρός καὶ ἀπὸ διανόιας ἐκπεμπομένη, *Sound articulate and derived from the discursive faculty.* *Diog. Laert.* VII. 55.

(c) ΦΩΝΗNTA.

with the Teeth, of the Tongue with the Ch. II. Palate, and the like.

Now as all these several Contacts, unless some Opening of the Mouth either immediately precede, or immediately follow, would rather occasion Silence, than to produce a Voice; hence it is, that with some such Opening, either previous or subsequent, they are always connected. Hence also it is, that the *Articulations so produced* are called CONSONANT, because they sound not of themselves, and from their own powers, but *at all times in company with some auxiliary Vowel (d)*.

THERE are other subordinate Distinctions of these primary Articulations, which to enumerate would be foreign to the design of this Treatise.

IT is enough to observe, that they are all denoted by the common Name of ELEMENTS.

Ch. II. MENT (*e*), in as much as every Articulation of every other kind is from them derived, and into them resolved. Under their *smallest Combination* they produce a *Syllable*; Syllables properly combined produce a *Word*; Words properly combined produce a *Sentence*; and Sentences properly combined produce an *Oration* or *Discourse*.

AND thus it is that to Principles *apparently* so trivial (*f*), as about twenty plain ele-

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(*e*) The Stoic Definition of an ELEMENT is as follows—"Εσι δὲ σοιχεῖον, ἐξ οὐ πρώτων γίνεται τὰ γνόμενα, καὶ εἰς δὲ στοχατον ἀναλύεται. An ELEMENT is that, out of which, as their first Principle, things generated are made, and into which, as their last remains, they are resolved. Diog. Laert. VII. 176. What Aristotle says upon ELEMENTS with respect to the Subject here treated, is worth attending to—Φωνῆς σοιχεῖα, ἐξ ὧν σύγκειται ἡ Φωνὴ, καὶ εἰς ἀδιαιρεῖται στοχατὸν ἐκεῖνα δὲ μηκέτερα εἰς ἄλλας Φωνὰς ἐτέρας τῷ εἰδει ἀντῶν. The ELEMENTS OF ARTICULATE VOICE are those things, out of which the VOICE is compounded, and into which, as its last remains, it is divided: the Elements themselves being no farther divisible into other articulate Voices, differing in Species from them. Metaph. V. c. 3.

(*f*) The Egyptians paid divine Honours to the Inventor of Letters, and Regulator of Language, whom they

elementary Sounds, we owe that variety Ch. II. of articulate Voices, which have been sufficient to explain the Sentiments of so innumerable a Multitude, as all the present and past Generations of Men.

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they called THEUTH. By the GREEKS he was worshipped under the Name of HERMES, and represented commonly by a *Head alone without other Limbs*, standing upon a *quadrilateral Basis*. The Head itself was *that of a beautiful Youth*, having on it a *Pegasus*, or *Bonnet*, adorned with two Wings.

There was a peculiar reference in this Figure to the ΕΡΜΗΣ ΛΟΓΙΟΣ, THE HERMES OF LANGUAGE OR DISCOURSE. He possessed no other part of the human figure but the HEAD, because no other was deemed *requisite to rational Communication*. Words at the same time, the medium of this Communication, being (as Homer well describes them) Επεια πλεούντα, *Winged Words*, were represented in their *Velocity* by the WINGS of his Bonnet.

Let us suppose such a HERMES, having the *Front of his Basis* (the usual place for Inscriptions) adorned with some old Alphabet, and having a *Veil* flung across, by which that Alphabet is partly covered. Let A YOUTH be seen *drawing off this Veil*; and a NYMPH, near the Youth, *transcribing what She there discovers*.

Such a Design would easily indicate its Meaning. THE YOUTH we might imagine to be THE GENIUS

Ch. II. IT appears from what has been said,  
 — that THE MATTER or COMMON SUBJECT  
 OF LANGUAGE IS *that Species of Sounds*  
*called VOICES ARTICULATE.*

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OF MAN (*Naturæ Deus humanæ*, as *Horace* styles him;) THE NYMPH to be ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΗ, or MEMORY; as much as to insinuate that “MAN, for the “ Preservation of his *Deeds* and *Inventions*, was neces-“ sarily obliged to have recourse to LETTERS; and that “ MEMORY, being conscious of her own *Insufficiency*, “ was glad to avail herself of so valuable an Acquisition.”

MR. STUART, well known for his accurate and elegant Edition of the *Antiquities of Athens*, has adorned this Work with a Frontispiece agreeable to the above Ideas, and that in a Taste truly *Attic* and *Simple*, which no one possesses more eminently than himself.

As to HERMES, his History, Genealogy, Mythology, Figure, &c. Vid. *Platon. Phileb.* T. II. p. 18. *Edit. Serran.* *Diod. Sic.* L. I. *Horat. Od. X. L. 1.* *Hesiod. Theog.* V. 937. *cum Comment.* *Joan. Diaconi.* *Thycid. VI. 27. et Scholiaſt. in loc.* *Pighium apud Gronov. Thesaur.* T. IX. p. 1164.

For the *value* and *importance* of *Principles*, and the *difficulty* in attaining them, see *Aristot. de Sophist. & lench.* c. 34.

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WHAT remains to be examined in the Ch. II. following Chapter, is Language under its — characteristic and peculiar FORM, that is to say, Language considered, not with respect to *Sound*, but to *Meaning*.

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The following Passage, taken from that able Mathematician *Tacquet*, will be found peculiarly pertinent to what has been said in this chapter concerning *Elementary Sounds*, p. 324, 325.

*Mille millions scriptorum mille annorum millionibus non scribent omnes 24 litterarum alphabeti permutationes, licet singuli quotidie absolvarent 40 paginas, quarum unaquaque contineret diversos ordines litterarum 24.* *Tacquet Arithmeticæ Theor.* p. 381. Edit. Antwerp. 1663.

## C H A P. III.

*Upon the Form, or peculiar Character of Language.*

Ch. III. **W**HEN to any articulate Voice there accedes *by compact* a Meaning or Signification, such Voice by such accession is then called A WORD; and many Words, possessing their Significations (as it were) *under the same Compact* (a), unite in constituting a PARTICULAR LANGUAGE.

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(a) See before Note (c) p. 314. See also Vol. I. Treatise II. c. 1. Notes (a) and (c).

The following Quotation from *Ammonius* is remarkable—Καθάπερ ὅν τὸ μὲν κατὰ τόπου κινεῖσθαι, Φύσει, τὸ δὲ ὁρχεῖσθαι, Θέσει καὶ κατὰ συνθήκην, καὶ τὸ μὲν ξύλου, Φύσει, οὐ δὲ Θύρα, Θέσει· ὅτω καὶ τὸ μὲν φωνεῖν, Φύσει, τὸ δὲ δι' ὄνομάτων ή ῥημάτων σημαίνειν, Θέσει—καὶ ἔοικε τὴν μὲν φωνητικὴν δύναμιν, ὅργανον ὅσαν τῶν ψυχικῶν ἐν ἡμῖν δυνάμεων γνωσικῶν, ή ὁρεκτικῶν, κατὰ Φύσιν ἔχειν οὐ ἀνθρωπῷ παραπλησίως τοῖς ἀλόγοις ξώοις.

IT appears from hence, that A WORD Ch.III. may be defined *a Voice articulate, and significant by Compact*—and that LANGUAGE may be defined *a System of such Voices, so significant*.

IT is from notions like these concerning Language and Words, that one may be

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ζώοις τὸ δὲ ὄνόμασιν, ἢ ῥήμασιν, ἢ τοῖς ἐκ τέτων συγκειμένοις λόγοις χρῆσθαι πρὸς τὴν σημασίαν (ἐκέτει Φύσει ξειν, ἀλλὰ θέσει) ἐξαίρετον ἔχειν πρὸς τὰ ἀλογα ζῶα, διότι καὶ μόνον τῶν θυντῶν ἀυτοκινήτων μετέχειν ψυχῆς, καὶ τέχνικῶς ἐνεργεῖν δυναμένης, ἵνα καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ τῷ φωνεῖν ἢ τεχνικὴ ἀυτῆς διακρίνηται δύναμις. δηλῶσι δὲ ταῦτα οἱ εἰς οὐάλλον συντιθέμενοι λόγοι μετὰ μέτρων, ἢ ἀνευ μέτρων. In the same manner therefore, as local Motion is from Nature, but Dancing is something positive; and as Timber exists in Nature, but a Door is something positive; so is the power of producing a vocal Sound founded in Nature, but that of explaining ourselves by Nouns, or Verbs, something positive. And hence it is, that as to the simple power of producing vocal Sound (which is as it were the Organ or Instrument to the Soul's faculties of Knowledge or Volition) as to this vocal power I say, Man seems to possess it from Nature, in like manner as irrational

Ch. III. be tempted to call **LANGUAGE** a kind of  
 ————— **PICTURE OF THE UNIVERSE**, where the  
 Words are as the Figures or Images of all  
 particulars.

AND yet it may be doubted, how far  
 this is true. For if *Pictures* and *Images*  
 are all of them *Imitations*, it will follow,  
 that whoever has natural faculties to know  
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*irrational animals* : but as to the employing of *Nouns*, or  
*Verbs*, or *Sentences composed out of them*, in the explana-  
 tion of our *Sentiments* (the thing thus employed being  
 founded not in *Nature*, but in *Position*) this he seems to  
 possess by way of peculiar eminence, because he alone of all  
 mortal Beings partakes of a *Soul*, which can move itself,  
 and operate artificially ; so that even in the *Subject* of  
 Sound his *artificial Power* shews itself ; as the various  
 elegant *Compositions* both in *Metre*, and without *Metre*,  
 abundantly prove. *Ammon. de Interpr.* p. 51. a.

It must be observed, that *the operating artificially*,  
 (*ἐνεργεῖν τεχνικῶς*) of which *Ammonius* here speaks, and  
 which he considers as a distinctive Mark peculiar to the  
*Human Soul*, means something very different from the  
 mere *producing works of elegance and design* ; else it could  
 never be a mark of *Distinction* between *Man*, and many  
 other Species of *Animals*, such as the *Bee*, the *Beaver*,  
 the *Swallow*, &c. See Vol. I. p. 8, 9, 10. 158, 159;  
 &c.

the Original, will by help of the same Ch. III. faculties know also its Imitations. But it by no means follows, that he who knows any Being, should know for that reason its *Greek* or *Latin* Name.

THE Truth is, that every Medium, through which we exhibit any thing to another's Contemplation, is either derived from *Natural Attributes*, and then it is an **IMITATION**; or else from *Accidents* quite arbitrary, and then it is a **SYMBOL** (b).

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(b) Διαφέρει δὲ τὸ ΟΜΟΙΩΜΑ τῆς ΣΥΜΒΟΛΟΥ, καθόσον τὸ μὲν ὁμοίωμα τὸν φύσιν ἀυτὴν τῆς πράγματος κατὰ τὸ δυνατὸν ἀπεικονίζεσθαι βέλεται, οὐδὲν ἔφ' ἡμῖν ἀντὸ μεταπλάσαι τὸ γὰρ ἐν τῇ εἰκόνι γεγραμένα τῆς Σωκράτεος ὁμοίωμα, εἰ μὴ οὐ τὸ Φαλακρὸν, οὐ τὸ σιρὸν, οὐ τὸ ἐξώφθαλμον ἔχει τῆς Σωκράτεος, ὥκετ' ἀντὶ τοῦ λέγοιστο εἶναι ὁμοίωμα· τὸ δὲ γε σύμβολον, ἦτοι σημεῖον, (ἀμφότερα γὰρ ὁ φιλόσοφος ἀντὸ οὐομάζει) τὸ ὅλου ἔφ' ἡμῖν ἔχει, ὅτε οὐ ἐκ μόνης οὐφισάμενον τῆς ἡμετέρας ἐπινοίας· οἷον, τῷ πότε δεῖ συμβάλλειν ἀλλήλοις τὰς πολεμεῦτας, δύναται σύμ-

Ch.III. Now, if it be allowed that in far the greater part of things, not any of their *natural* Attributes are to be found in articulate Voices, and that yet thro' such Voices things of every kind are exhibited, it will follow that WORDS *must of necessity be Symbols*, because it appears that they cannot be *Imitations*.

BUT here occurs a Question, which deserves attention—“ Why in the common intercourse of men with men have Imitations been neglected, and Symbols “ pre-

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σύμβολον ἔιναι καὶ σάλπιγγος ἀπίχησις, καὶ λαμπάδος  
ρίψις, καθάπερ Φοσὶν Εὔριπίδης,

Ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀφείθη τυρπός, ὡς τυρπητικῆς  
Σάλπιγγος ἦχος, σῆμα Φοινίου μάχης.

Δύναται δέ τις ὑποθέσθαι καὶ δόρατος ἀνάτασιν, καὶ βέλες  
ἀφεσιν, καὶ αλλὰ μυρία.—A REPRESENTATION or  
RESEMBLANCE differs from a SYMBOL, in as much as  
the Resemblance aims as far as possible to represent the  
very nature of the thing, nor is it in our power to shift or  
vary it. Thus a REPRESENTATION intended for So-  
crates in a Picture, if it have not those circumstances pec-  
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“ preferred, although Symbols are only Ch. III.  
“ known by Habit or Institution, while —  
“ Imitations are recognized by a kind of  
“ natural Intuition?”—To this it may be  
answered, that if the Sentiments of the  
Mind, like the Features of the Face, were  
immediately visible to every beholder, the  
Art of Speech or Discourse would have  
been perfectly superfluous. But now,  
while our Minds lie enveloped and hid,  
and the Body (like a Veil) conceals every  
thing but itself, we are necessarily compell-  
led, when we communicate our Thoughts,

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culiar to Socrates, the bald, the flat-nosed, and the Eyes  
projecting, cannot properly be called a Representation of  
him. But a SYMBOL or SIGN (for the Philosopher  
Aristotle uses both names) is wholly in our own pow-  
er, as depending singly for its existence on our imagina-  
tion. Thus for example, as to the time when two armies  
should engage, the Symbol or Sign may be the sounding of  
a Trumpet, the throwing of a Torch, (according to what  
Euripides says,

But when the flaming Torch was hurl'd, the sign  
Of purple fight, as when the Trumpet sounds, &c.)  
or else one may suppose the elevating of a Spear, the dart-  
ing of a Weapon, and a thousand ways besides. Ammon.  
in Lib. de Interp. p. 17. b.

Ch. III. to convey them to each other through a *Medium* which is corporeal (c). And hence it is that all Signs, Marks, Imitations, and Symbols must needs be *sensible*, and addressed as such to the *Senses* (d). Now THE SENSES, we know, never exceed their natural Limits; the Eye perceives no Sounds; the Ear perceives no Figures nor Colours. If therefore we were to converse, not by *Symbols* but by *Imitations*, as far as things are characterized by Figure

(c) Αἱ ψυχαὶ αἱ ἡμέτεραι, γυμναὶ μὲν ὅσαι τῶν σωμάτων, ἥδυναντο δι' αὐτῶν τῶν ονομάτων σημαίνειν ἀλλήλαις τὰ πράγματα. Ἐπειδὴ δὲ σώματα συνδέενται, δίκην νέφες περικαλύπτεσιν αὐτῶν τὸ οερὸν, ἐδεήθησαν τῶν ονομάτων, δι' ᾧ σημαίνεσιν ἀλλήλαις τὰ πράγματα. *Animi nostri a corporis compage secreti res vicissim animi conceptionibus significare possent: cum autem corporibus involuti sint, perinde ac nebulâ, ipsorum intelligendi vis obtegitur: quocirca opus eis fuit nominibus, quibus res inter se significarent.* Ammon. in Prædicam. p. 18. a.

(d) *Quicquid scindi possit in differentias satis numerosas, ad notionum varietatem explicandam (modo differentiae illæ sensui perceptibiles sint) fieri potest vehiculum cogitationum de homine in hominem.* Bacon. de Augm. Scient. VI. I.

gure and Colour, our Imitation would be Ch.III. necessarily thro' Figure and Colour also. — Again, as far as they are characterized by Sounds, it would for the same reason be thro' the Medium of Sounds. The like may be said of all the other Senses, the Imitation still shifting along with the Objects imitated. We see then how *complicated* such Imitation would prove.

IF we set LANGUAGE therefore, as a *Symbol*, in opposition to *such Imitation*; if we reflect on the Simplicity of the one, and the Multiplicity of the other; if we consider the Ease and Speed, with which Words are formed (an Ease which knows no trouble or fatigue; and a\* Speed, which equals the Progress of our very Thoughts) if we oppose to this the difficulty and length of Imitations; if we remember that some Objects are capable of no Imitations at all, but that all Objects universally may be typified by Symbols; we may plainly

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\* Επεις ωλερούτα—See before p. 325.

Ch. III. plainly perceive an Answer to the Question  
 here proposed “ Why, in the common  
 intercourse of men with men, Imita-  
 tions have been rejected, and Symbols  
 preferred.”

HENCE too we may perceive a Reason,  
*why there never was a Language, nor indeed can possibly be framed one, to express the Properties and real Essences of things,* as a Mirrour exhibits their Figures and their Colours. For if Language of itself imply nothing more, than *certain Species of Sounds with certain Motions concomitant;* if to some Beings Sound and Motion are no Attributes at all; if to many others, where Attributes, they are no way essential (such as the Murmurs and Wavings of a Tree during a storm); if this be true—it is impossible the Nature of such Beings should be expressed, or the least essential Property be any way imitated, while between the Medium and themselves there is nothing CONNATURAL (e).

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(e) See Vol. I. Treatise II. c. 3. p. 70.

IT is true indeed, when *Primitives* were Ch. III. once established, it was easy to follow the Connection and Subordination of Nature, in the just deduction of *Derivatives* and *Compounds*. Thus the Sounds, *Water*, and, *Fire*, being once annexed to those two Elements, it was certainly more natural to call Beings participating of the first, *Watry*, of the last, *Fiery*, than to commute the Terms, and call them by the reverse. But why, and from what *natural Connections* the Primitives themselves might not be commuted, it will be found, I believe, difficult to assign a Reason, as well in the instances before us, as in most others. We may here also see the Reason, why ALL LANGUAGE IS FOUNDED IN COMPACT, and not in Nature; for so are all Symbols, of which Words are a certain Species.

THE Question remains if WORDS are Symbols, then SYMBOLS OF WHAT?—

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Ch. III. If it be answered, OF THINGS, the Question returns, OF WHAT THINGS?—If it be answered, *of the several Individuals of Sense, the various particular Beings, which exist around us*—to this, it is replied, may be raised certain Doubts. In the first place every Word will be in fact a *proper Name*. Now if all Words are proper Names, how came Lexicographers, whose express business is to explain Words, either wholly to omit proper Names, or at least to explain them, not from their own Art, but from History?

AGAIN, if all *Words* are *proper Names*, then in strictness no Word can belong to more than one Individual. But if so, then, as *Individuals* are *infinite*, to make a perfect Language, *Words must be infinite also*. But if infinite, then *incomprehensible*, and never to be attained by the wisest Men; whose labours in Language upon this Hypothesis would be as idle as that study of infinite written Symbols, which

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Missionaries (if they may be credited) at Ch.III.  
tribute to the *Chinese*. —

AGAIN, if all Words are proper Names, or (which is the same) the Symbols of *Individuals*; it will follow, as Individuals are not only infinite, but ever *passing*, that the Language of those, who lived ages ago, will be as unknown now, as the very Voices of the Speakers. Nay the Language of every Province, of every Town, of every Cottage, must be every where different, and every where changing, since such is the Nature of *Individuals*, which it follows.

AGAIN, if all Words are proper Names, the Symbols of *Individuals*, it will follow that in Language there can be no general *Proposition*, because upon the Hypothesis all Terms are particular; nor any *Affirmative Proposition*, because no one Individual in nature is another. It remains, there can be no Propositions, but *Particular Negatives*.

Ch. III. *tives.* But if so, then is Language incapable of communicating *General Affirmative Truths*—If so, then of communicating *Demonstration*—If so, then of communicating *Sciences*, which are so many Systems of Demonstrations—If so, then of communicating *Arts*, which are the Theorems of Science applied practically—If so, we shall be little the better for it either in Speculation or in Practice (e). And so much for this Hypothesis; let us now try another.

IF WORDS are not the Symbols of *external Particulars*, it follows of course, they must be THE SYMBOLS OF OUR IDEAS: For this is evident, if they are not Symbols

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(e) The whole of *Euclid* (whose Elements may be called the basis of Mathematical Science) is founded upon *general Terms*, and *general Propositions*, most of which are *affirmative*. So true are those Verses, however barbarous as to their stile,

*Syllogizari non est ex Particulari,  
Neve Negativis, recte concludere si vis.*

Symbols of things *without*, they can only Ch.III.  
be Symbols of something *within*. —

HERE then the Question recurs, if SYMBOLS OF IDEAS, then of WHAT IDEAS? — OF SENSIBLE IDEAS.—Be it so, and what follows?—Every thing in fact, which has followed already from the supposition of their being the Symbols of *external Particulars*; and that from this plain and obvious reason, because the several Ideas, which *Particulars* imprint, must needs be as *infinite* and *mutable*, as they are themselves.

If then Words are neither the Symbols of *external Particulars*, nor yet of *particular Ideas*, they can be SYMBOLS of nothing else, except of GENERAL IDEAS, because nothing else, except these, remains. — And what do we mean by GENERAL IDEAS?—We mean SUCH AS ARE COMMON TO MANY INDIVIDUALS; not only to Individuals which exist now, but which

Ch. III. existed in ages past, and will exist in ages future; such for example, as the Ideas belonging to the Words, *Man*, *Lion*, *Cedar*. —Admit it, and what follows?—It follows, that *if Words are the Symbols of such general Ideas*, Lexicographers may find employ, though they meddle not with *proper Names*.

IT follows that *one Word* may be, not *homonymously*, but *truly and essentially common to many Particulars*, past present and future; so that however these Particulars may be *infinite*, and *ever fleeting*, yet Language notwithstanding may be *definite and steady*. But if so, then attainable even by ordinary Capacities, without danger of incurring the *Chinese Absurdity* \*.

AGAIN, it follows that the Language of those, who lived ages ago, as far as it stands

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\* See p. 338, 339.

stands for the same general Ideas, may be as Ch. III. intelligible now, as it was then. The like may be said of the same Language being accommodated to distant Regions, and even to distant Nations, amidst all the variety of ever new and ever changing Objects.

AGAIN, it follows that Language may be expressive of general Truths; and if so, then of Demonstration, and Sciences, and Arts; and if so, become subservient to purposes of every kind (f).

Now if it be true "that none of these things could be asserted of Language, were not Words the Symbols of general Ideas—and it be further true, that these things may be all undeniably asserted of Language"—it will follow (and that necessarily) that WORDS ARE THE SYMBOLS OF GENERAL IDEAS.

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(f) See before Note (e).

Ch.III. AND yet perhaps even here may be an  
Objection. It may be urged, if Words are  
the Symbols of *general Ideas*, Language  
may answer well enough the purpose of  
Philosophers, who reason about *general*,  
and *abstract* Subjects—but what becomes  
of the business of ordinary Life? Life we  
know is merged in a multitude of *Particu-  
lars*, where an Explanation by Language  
is as requisite, as in the highest Theorems.  
The Vulgar indeed want it to *no other* End.  
How then can this End in any respect be  
answered, if Language be expressive of  
nothing farther than *general Ideas*?

To this it may be answered, that *Arts*  
surely respect the business of ordinary Life;  
yet so far are *general Terms* from being  
an Obstacle here, that without them no  
Art can be *rationally* explained. How  
for instance should the measuring Artist  
ascertain to the Reapers the price of their  
labours, had not he first through *general*

Terms learnt those general Theorems, that Ch.III, respect the doctrine and practice of Mensuration ?

BUT suppose this not to satisfy a persevering Objector—suppose him to insist, that, admitting this to be true, *there were still a multitude of occasions for minute particularizing, of which it was not possible for mere Generals to be susceptible*—suppose, I say, such an Objection, what should we answer?—*That the Objection was just; that it was necessary to the Perfection and Completion of LANGUAGE, that it should be expressive of PARTICULARS, as well as of GENERALS.* We must however add, that its *general Terms* are by far its most *excellent and essential Part*, since from these it derives “ that comprehensive Universality, that just proportion of Precision and Permanence, without which it could not possibly be either learnt, or understood, or applied to the purposes of Reasoning and Science;

Ch.III. “Science;”—that *particular Terms* have  
their Utility and End, and that therefore  
care too has been taken for a supply of  
these.

ONE Method of expressing Particulars, is that of PROPER NAMES. This is the least artificial, because *proper Names* being in every district arbitrarily applied, may be unknown to those, who know the Language perfectly well, and can hardly therefore with propriety be considered as parts of it. The other and more artificial Method is that of DEFINITIVES or ARTICLES (g), whether we assume the *pronominal*, or those more strictly so called. And here we cannot enough admire the exquisite *Art* of Language, which, without wandering into infinitude, contrives how to denote things infinite; that is to say in other words, which, by the small Tribe of *Definitives* properly applied to general Terms,

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(g) See before p. 72, &c. 233, &c.

Terms, knows how to employ these last, Ch.III. tho' in number *finite*, to the accurate expression of *infinite* Particulars.

To explain what has been said by a single example. Let the general Term be **MAN**. I have occasion to apply this Term to the denoting of some Particular. Let it be required to express this Particular, *as unknown*; I say, **A Man—known**; I say, **THE Man—*indefinite***; **ANY Man—definite**; **A CERTAIN Man—*present and near***; **THIS Man—*present and distant***; **THAT Man—*like to some other***; **SUCH A Man—*an indefinite Multitude***; **MANY Men—*a definite Multitude***; **A THOUSAND Men**;—*the ones of a Multitude, taken throughout*; **EVERY Man—*the same ones, taken with distinction***; **EACH Man—*taken in order***; **FIRST Man, SECOND Man, &c.—*the whole Multitude of Particulars taken collectively***; **ALL Men—*the Negation of this Multitude***; **NO Man**. But of this we have spoken already, when we inquired concerning **Definitives**.

Ch.III. THE Sum of all is, that WORDS ARE  
THE SYMBOLS OF IDEAS BOTH GENERAL  
AND PARTICULAR; YET OF THE GENE-  
RAL, PRIMARILY, ESSENTIALLY, AND  
IMMEDIATELY; OF THE PARTICULAR,  
ONLY SECONDARILY, ACCIDENTALLY,  
AND MEDIATELY.

SHOULD it be asked, “ why has Lan-  
“ guage this *double Capacity* ? ”—May we  
not ask, by way of return, Is it not a kind  
of reciprocal Commerce, or *Intercourse of*  
*our Ideas* ? Should it not therefore be  
framed, so as to express *the whole* of our  
Perception ? Now can we call that Per-  
ception intire and whole, which implies  
either INTELLECTION without *Sensation*,  
or SENSATION without *Intellec<sup>tion</sup>* ? If  
not, how should Language explain *the*  
*whole* of our Perception, had it not Words  
to express the Objects, proper to each of  
the two Faculties ?

To conclude—As in the preceding Ch.III. Chapter we considered Language with a view to its MATTER, so here we have considered it with a view to its FORM. Its MATTER is recognized, when it is considered *as a Voice*; its FORM, as it is *significant of our several Ideas*; so that upon the whole it may be defined—A SYSTEM OF ARTICULATE VOICES, THE SYMBOLS OF OUR IDEAS, BUT OF THOSE PRINCIPALLY, WHICH ARE GENERAL OR UNIVERSAL.

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## C H A P. IV.

*Concerning general or universal Ideas.*

Ch.IV. **M**UCH having been said in the preceding Chapter about GENERAL OR UNIVERSAL IDEAS, it may not perhaps be amiss to inquire, *by what process we come to perceive them, and what kind of Beings they are*; since the generality of men think so meanly of their existence, that they are commonly considered, as little better than Shadows. These Sentiments are not unusual even with the Philosopher now a days, and that from causes much the same with those, which influence the Vulgar.

THE VULGAR merged in *Sense* from their earliest Infancy, and never once dreaming any thing to be worthy of pursuit, but what either pampers their Appetite, or fills their Purse, imagine nothing

to be *real*, but what may be *tasted*, or Ch.IV. *touched*. THE PHILOSOPHER, as to these ~~—~~ matters being of much the same Opinion, in Philosophy looks no higher, than to *experimental Amusements*, deeming nothing *Demonstration*, if it be not made *ocular*. Thus instead of ascending from *Sense* to *Intellect* (the natural progress of all true Learning) he hurries on the contrary into the midst of *Sense*, where he wanders at random without any end, and is lost in a *Labyrinth* of infinite Particulars. Hence then the reason why the sublimer parts of *Science*, the Studies of *MIND*, *INTELLECTION*, and *INTELLIGENT PRINCIPLES*, are in a manner neglected; and, as if the Criterion of all Truth were an *Alembic* or an *Air-pump*, what cannot be proved by *Experiment*, is deemed no better than mere *Hypothesis*.

AND yet it is somewhat remarkable, amid the prevalence of such Notions, that there should still remain two Sciences in fashion,

Ch.IV. fashion, and these having their Certainty  
 of all the least controverted, *which are not*  
*in the minutest article depending upon Experi-*  
*ment.* By these I mean ARITHMETIC,  
 and GEOMETRY (a). But to come to our  
 Subject concerning GENERAL IDEAS.

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(a) The many noble Theorems (so useful in life, and so admirable in themselves) with which these two SCIENCES so eminently abound, arise originally from PRINCIPLES, THE MOST OBVIOUS IMAGINABLE; Principles, so little wanting the pomp and apparatus of EXPERIMENT, that they are *self-evident* to every one, possessed of common sense. I would not be understood, in what I have here said, or may have said elsewhere, to undervalue EXPERIMENT; whose importance and utility I freely acknowlege, in the many curious Nostrums and choice Receipts, with which it has enriched the necessary Arts of life. Nay, I go farther—I hold *all justifiable Practice in every kind of Subject* to be founded in EXPERIENCE, which is no more than *the result of many repeated EXPERIMENTS.* But I must add withal, that the man who acts *from Experience alone*, tho' he act ever so well, is but an *Empiric* or *Quack*, and that not only in Medicine, but in every other Subject. It is then only that we recognize ART, and that the EMPIRIC quits his name for the more honourable one of ARTIST, when to his EXPERIENCE he adds SCIENCE.

MAN'S FIRST PERCEPTIONS are those Ch. IV. of the SENSES, in as much as they commence from his earliest Infancy. These Perceptions, if not infinite, are at least *indefinite*, and more *fleeting* and *transient*, than the very Objects, which they exhibit, because

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SCIENCE, and is thence enabled to tell us, not only, *WHAT is to be done*, but *WHY it is to be done*; for ART is a composite of *Experience and Science*, Experience providing it *Materials*, and Science giving them *A FORM*.

In the mean time, while EXPERIMENT is thus necessary to all PRACTICAL WISDOM, with respect to PURE and SPECULATIVE SCIENCE, as we have hinted already, it has not the least to do. For who ever heard of *Logic*, or *Geometry*, or *Arithmetic* being proved *experimentally*? It is indeed by the application of *these* that *Experiments* are rendered useful; that they are assumed into Philosophy, and in some degree made a part of it, being otherwise nothing better than puerile amusements. But that these Sciences themselves should depend upon the Subjects, on which they work, is, as if the Marble were to fashion the Chizzle, and not the Chizzle the Marble.

Ch.IV. because they not only depend upon the ~~existence~~ of those Objects, but because they cannot subsist, without their *immediate Presence*. Hence therefore it is, that there can be *no Sensation of either Past or Future*, and consequently had the Soul no other Faculties, than the *Senses*, it never could acquire the least Idea of **TIME** (b).

BUT happily for us we are not deserted here. We have in the first place a Faculty, called **IMAGINATION** or **FANCY**, which however as to its *energies* it may be subsequent to Sense, yet is truly prior to it both in *dignity* and *use*. THIS it is which retains the  *fleeting Forms of things*, when Things themselves are gone, and *all Sensation* at an end.

THAT this Faculty, however connected with Sense, is still perfectly different, may be

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(b) See before p. 105. See also p. 112. Note (f).

be seen from hence. We have an *Imagi-* Ch.IV.  
*nation* of things, that are gone and ex-  
 tinct; but no such things can be made ob-  
 jects of *Sensation*. We have an easy com-  
 mand over the Objects of our *Imagina-*  
*tion*, and can call them forth in almost  
 what manner we please; but our *Sensa-*  
*tions* are necessary, when their Objects are  
 present, nor can we controul them, but  
 by removing either the Objects, or our-  
 selves (c).

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(c) Besides the distinguishing of **SENSATION** from **IMAGINATION**, there are two other Faculties of the Soul, which from their nearer alliance ought carefully to be distinguished from it, and these are **MNHMH**, and **ANAMNHΣΙΣ**, **MEMORY**, and **RECOLLEC-  
 TION**.

When we view some *reliet* of sensation reposed within us, *without thinking of its rise, or referring it to any sensi-  
 ble Object*, this is **PHANSY** or **IMAGINATION**.

When we view some such *reliet*, and *refer it withal to that sensible Object, which in time past was its cause and original*, this is **MEMORY**.

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Ch.IV. As the Wax would not be adequate to its business of Signature, had it not a Power to *retain*, as well as to *receive*; the same holds of the SOUL, with respect to Sense and *Imagination*. SENSE is its *receptive*

Lastly the Road, which leads to *Memory* through a series of Ideas, however connected whether rationally or casually, this is *RECOLLECTION*. I have added *casually*, as well as *rationally*, because a casual connection is often sufficient. Thus from seeing a Garment, I think of its Owner; thence of his Habitation; thence of Woods; thence of Timber; thence of Ships, Sea-fights, Admirals, &c.

If the Distinction between *Memory* and *Phansy* be not sufficiently understood, it may be illustrated by being compared to the view of a Portrait. When we contemplate a Portrait, *without thinking of whom it is the Portrait*, such Contemplation is analogous to *PHANSY*. When we view it *with reference to the Original, whom it represents*, such Contemplation is analogous to *MEMORY*.

We may go farther. *IMAGINATION* or *PHANSY* may exhibit (after a manner) even *things that are to come*. It is here that *Hope* and *Fear* paint all their pleasant, and all their painful Pictures of *Futurity*. But *MEMORY* is confined in the strictest manner to *the past*. What

ceptive Power; IMAGINATION, its *re-*Ch.IV. tentive. Had it Sense without Imagination, it would not be as Wax, but as Water, where tho' all Impressions may be instantly made, yet as soon as made they are as instantly lost.

THUS then, from a view of the two Powers taken together, we may call SENSE (if we please) *a kind of transient Imagination*; and IMAGINATION on the contrary *a kind of permanent Sense (d)*.

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What we have said, may suffice for our present purpose. He that would learn more, may consult *Aristot. de Animâ*, L. III. c. 3, 4. and his *Treatise de Mem. et Reminisc.*

(d) Τί τοίνυν ἐίνι ἡ Φαντασία ὡδε ἀν γνωρίσαμεν δεῖ νοεῖν ἐν ἡμῖν ἀπὸ τῶν ἐνεργειῶν τῶν τερι τὰ αἰσθητὰ, διον τύπου (lege τύπου) τινὰ καὶ ἀναζωγράφημα ἐν τῷ ἀρώτῳ αἰσθητηρίῳ, ἐγκαταλειμμά τι τῆς ὑπὸ τῷ αἰσθητῷ γνομένης κινήσεως, ὃ καὶ μηκέτι τῷ αἰσθητῷ παρόντος, ὑπομένει τὲ καὶ σώζεται, διν ὥστερ ἐικών τις αὐτῷ, ὃ καὶ

Ch.IV. Now as our Feet in vain venture to walk upon the River, till the Frost bind the Current, and harden the yielding Surface; so does the SOUL in vain seek to exert its higher Powers, the Powers I mean of REASON and INTELLECT, till IMAGINATION first fix the *fluency* of SENSE, and thus provide a proper Basis for the support of its higher Energies,

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τῆς μνήμης ἡμῖν σωζόμενον ἀίλιον γίνεται· τὸ τοιότου ἐγκατάλειμμα, καὶ τὸν τοιότον ὥσπερ τύπον, ΦΑΝΤΑΣΙΑΝ καλεῖται. Now what PHANSY or IMAGINATION is, we may explain as follows. We may conceive to be formed within us, from the operations of our Senses about sensible Subjects, some Impression (as it were) or Picture in our original Sensorium, being a relict of that motion caused within us by the external object; a relict, which when the external object is no longer present, remains and is still preserved, being as it were its Image, and which, by being thus preserved, becomes the cause of our having Memory. Now such a sort of relict and (as it were) Impression they call PHANSY or IMAGINATION, Alex. Aphrod. de Animâ, p. 135. b. Edit. Ald.

AFTER this manner, in the admirable Ch.IV. Oeconomy of the Whole, are Natures subordinate made subservient to the higher. Were there *no Things external*, the *Senses* could not operate; were there *no Sensations*, the *Imagination* could not operate; and were there *no Imagination*, there could be *neither Reasoning nor Intellection*, such at least as they are found in *Man*, where they have their *Intensions* and *Remissions* in alternate succession, and are at first nothing better, than *a mere CAPACITY or POWER*. Whether every Intellect begins thus, may be perhaps a question; especially if there be any one of a nature *more divine*, to which “*Intension and Remission and mere Capacity are unknown (e).*” But not to digress.

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(e) See p. 162. The *Life, Energy, or Manner of MAN’s Existence* is not a little different from that of the *DEITY*. THE *LIFE OF MAN* has its *Essence in*

Ch.IV. IT is then on these *permanent Phantasms*  
 that THE HUMAN MIND first works, and  
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MOTION. This is not only true with respect to that lower and subordinate Life, which he shares in common with Vegetables, and which can no longer subsist than while the Fluids circulate, but it is likewise true in that *Life*, which is peculiar to him as *Man*. Objects from without *first move* our faculties, and thence we move of ourselves either to *Practice* or *Contemplation*. But the *LIFE or EXISTENCE of GOD* (as far as we can conjecture upon so transcendent a Subject) is not only complete throughout Eternity, but complete in every Instant, and is for that reason **IMMUTABLE** and **SUPERIOR TO ALL MOTION**.

It is to this distinction that *Aristotle* alludes, when he tells us—Οὐ γὰρ μόνον κινήσεώς ἐστιν ἐνέργεια, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀκίνησίας· καὶ ἵδοντι μᾶλλον ἐν ἡρεμίᾳ ἐστὶν, οὐ ἐν κινήσει· μεταβολὴ δὲ τῶν ταῦτων γλυκὺ, κατὰ τὸν τοιητὴν, διὰ τονηρίαν τινά· ὥσπερ γὰρ ἀνθρωπος ἐνμετάβολος ἀπὸ τονηρὸς, καὶ οὐ Φύσις οὐ δεομένη μεταβολῆς· καὶ γὰρ αἴπλη, οὐδὲ ἐπιεικῆς. For there is not only an *Energy of Motion*, but of **IMMOBILITY**; and **PLEASURE or FELICITY** exists rather in **REST** than in **MOTION**; **Change of all things being sweet** (according to the Poet) from a principle of **Pravity** in those who believe so. For

by an Energy as spontaneous and familiar Ch. IV.  
to its Nature, as the seeing of Colours is familiar  
familiar to the Eye, it discerns at once  
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*in the same manner as the bad man is one fickle and changeable, so is that Nature bad that requireth Variety, in as much as such Nature is neither simple nor even.* Eth. Nicom. VII. 14. & Ethic. Eudem. VI. sub fin.

It is to this UNALTERABLE NATURE OF THE DEITY that *Boethius* refers, when he says in those elegant verses,

— *Tempus ab Avo*  
*Ire jubes STABILISQUE MANENS das cuncta*  
*moveri.*

From this single principle of IMMOBILITY, may be derived some of the noblest of the *Divine Attributes*; such as that of IMPASSIVE, INCORRUPTIBLE, INCORPOREAL, &c. Vide *Aristot. Physic.* VIII. *Metaphys.* XIV. c. 6, 7, 9. 10. *Edit. Du Val.* See also Vol. I. of these Treatises, p. 262 to 266—also p. 295. where the Verses of *Boethius* are quoted at length.

It must be remembered however, that tho' we are not *Gods*, yet as *rational Beings* we have within us something *Divine*, and that the more we can become superior to our mutable, variable, and irrational part, and place our welfare in that *Good*, which is immutable,

Ch.IV. what in MANY is ONE ; what in things  
 DISSIMILAR and DIFFERENT is SIMILAR  
 and the SAME (*f*). By this it comes to  
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permanent, and rational, the higher we shall advance in real Happiness and Wisdom. This is (as an antient writer says)—‘Ομοίωσις τῷ Θεῷ κατὰ τὸ δυνατὸν, the becoming like to GOD, as far as in our power. Τοῖς μὲν γὰρ θεοῖς τὰς ὁ βίοις μακάριοις τοῖς δ' αὐθεώποις, οὐ οἵσσον ὁμοίωμεν τι τῆς τοιαύτης ἐνεργείας ὑπάρχει. For to THE Gods (as says another antient) the whole of life is one continued happiness ; but to MEN, it is so far happy, as it rises to the resemblance of so divine an Energy. See Plat. in Theætet. Ariſt. Eth. X. 8.

(*f*) This CONNECTIVE ACT of the Soul, by which it views ONE IN MANY, is perhaps one of the principal ACTS of its most excellent Part. It is this removes that impenetrable mist, which renders *Objects of Intelligence* invisible to lower faculties. Were it not for this, even the *sensible* World (with the help of all our *Sensations*) would appear as unconnected, as the words of an Index. It is certainly not the Figure alone, nor the Touch alone, nor the Odour alone, that makes the Rose, but it is made up of all these, and other attributes UNITED ; not an *unknown* Constitution of *in-sensible* Parts, but a *known* Constitution of *sensible* Parts, unless we chuse to extirpate the possibility of natural Knowledge.

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behold a kind of *superior* Objects; a new Ch.IV.  
Race of Perceptions, more comprehensive than

WHAT then perceives this CONSTITUTION or UNION?—Can it be any of the Senses?—No one of these, we know, can pass the limits of its own province. Were the Smell to perceive the union of the Odour and the Figure, it would not only be Smell, but it would be Sight also. It is the same in other instances. We must necessarily therefore recur to some HIGHER COLLECTIVE POWER, to give us a prospect of Nature, even in these her *subordinate Wholes*, much more in that *comprehensive Whole*, whose Sympathy is universal, and of which these smaller Wholes are all no more than Parts.

But no where is this *collecting*, and (if I may be allowed the expression) this *unifying* Power more conspicuous, than in the subjects of **PURE TRUTH**. By virtue of this power the Mind views *One general Idea*, in *many Individuals*; *One Proposition* in *many general Ideas*; *One Syllogism* in *many Propositions*; till at length by properly repeating and connecting Syllogism with Syllogism, it ascend into those bright and *steady regions of SCIENCE*,

*Quas neque concutunt venti, neque nubila nimbis  
Adspergunt, &c.* Lucr.

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Even

Ch.IV. than those of Sense; a Race of Perceptions, each one of which may be found intire and

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Even *negative* Truths and *negative* Conclusions cannot subsist, but by bringing Terms and Propositions together, so *necessary* is this UNITING Power to every Species of KNOWLEDGE. See p. 3. 250.

He that would better comprehend the distinction between SENSITIVE PERCEPTION, and INTELLECTIVE, may observe that, when a Truth is spoken, it is *heard* by our Ears, and *understood* by our Minds. That these two Acts are different, is plain, from the example of such, as *hear* the sounds, without *knowing* the language. But to shew their difference still stronger, let us suppose them to concur in the same Man, who shall both *hear* and *understand* the Truth proposed. Let the Truth be for example, *The Angles of a Triangle are equal to two right Angles.* That this is ONE Truth, and not two or many Truths, I believe none will deny. Let me ask then, in what manner does this Truth become perceptible (if at all) to SENSATION?—The Answer is obvious; it is by successive Portions of little and little at a time. When the first Word is *present*, all the subsequent are *absent*; when the last Word is *present*, all the previous are *absent*; when any of the middle Words are *present*, then are there some *absent*, as well of one sort as the other. No more exists at once than a single Syllable, and the Remainder as much *is not*, (to Sensation at least) as tho'

and whole in the separate individuals of an Ch. IV.  
infinite and fleeting Multitude, without de-  
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tho' it never had been, or never was to be. And so much for the perception of SENSE, than which we see nothing can be more *dissipated, fleeting, and detached*.—And is that of the MIND, similar?—Admit it, and what follows?—It follows, that *one* Mind would no more recognize *one* Truth, by recognizing its Terms *successively and apart*, than *many* distant Minds would recognize it, were it distributed among them, a different part to each. The case is, every TRUTH is ONE, tho' its TERMS are MANY. It is in no respect true *by parts at a time*, but it is true of necessity at once, and in an instant.—What Powers therefore recognize this ONENESS or UNITY?—Where even does it reside, or what makes it?—Shall we answer with the Stagirite, Τὸ δὲ ΕΝ ΠΟΙΟΤΝ τὸτο ἀΝΟΥΣΣ οὐκαστον—If this be allowed, it should seem, where SENSATION and INTELLECTION appear to concur, that Sensation was of MANY, Intellection was of ONE; that Sensation was *temporary, divisible and successive*; Intellection, *instantaneous, indivisible, and at once*.

If we consider the Radii of a Circle, we shall find, at the Circumference that they are MANY; at the Center that they are ONE. Let us then suppose SENSE and MIND to view the same Radii, only let Sense view them at the Circumference, Mind at the Center; and

Ch.IV. *parting from the unity and permanence of its own nature.*

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and hence we may conceive, how these Powers differ, even where they jointly appear to operate in perception of the same object.

There is ANOTHER ACT OF THE MIND, the very reverse of that here mentioned; an ACT, by which it perceives not *one in many*, but **MANY IN ONE**. This is that *mental Separation*, of which we have given some account in the first Chapter of this Book; that Resolution or Analysis, which enables us to *investigate the Causes, and Principles, and Elements of things*. It is by Virtue of this, that we are enabled to abstract any particular Attribute, and make it *by itself* the Subject of philosophical Contemplation. Were it not for this, it would be difficult for *particular Sciences* to exist; because otherwise they would be as much blended, as the several Attributes of sensible Substances. How, for example, could there be such a Science as *Optics*, were we necessitated to contemplate *Colour concreted with Figure*, two Attributes, which the Eye can never view, but associated? I mention not a multitude of other sensible qualities, some of which still present themselves, whenever we look on any coloured Body.

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AND thus we see the *Process* by which Ch.IV.  
we arrive at GENERAL IDEAS; for the ~~one~~  
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Those two noble Sciences, ARITHMETIC and GEOMETRY, would have no basis to stand on, were it not for this *separative* Power. They are both conversant about QUANTITY; Geometry about CONTINUOUS Quantity, Arithmetic about DISCRETE. EXTENSION is essential to *continuous* Quantity; MONADS, or UNITS, to *Discrete*. By separating from the infinite Individuals, with which we are surrounded, those infinite Accidents, by which they are all diversified, we leave nothing but those SIMPLE and PERFECTLY SIMILAR UNITS, which being combined make NUMBER, and are the Subject of ARITHMETIC. Again, by separating from *Body* every possible subordinate Accident, and leaving it nothing but its *triple Extension of Length, Breadth, and Thickness*, (of which were it to be deprived, it would be *Body* no longer) we arrive at that pure and unmixed MAGNITUDE, the contemplation of whose properties makes the Science of *Geometry*.

By the same *analytical* or *separative* Power, we investigate DEFINITIONS of all kinds, each one of which is a *developed Word*, as the same Word is an *involved Definition*.

To conclude—IN COMPOSITION AND DIVISION CONSISTS THE WHOLE OF SCIENCE, COMPOSITION

Ch.IV. Perceptions here mentioned are in fact no  
 other. In these too we perceive the ob-  
 jects of SCIENCE and REAL KNOWLEDGE,  
 which can by no means be, but *of that  
 which is general, and definite, and fixt* (g).

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TION MAKING AFFIRMATIVE TRUTH, AND  
 SHEWING US THINGS UNDER THEIR SIMILIAR-  
 TIES AND IDENTITIES; DIVISION MAKING NE-  
 GATIVE TRUTH, AND PRESENTING THEM TO  
 US UNDER THEIR DISSIMILARITIES AND DI-  
 VERSITIES.

And here, by the way, there occurs a Question.—  
 If all Wisdom be Science, and it be the busines of  
 Science as well to *compound* as to *separate*, may we not  
 say that those Philosophers took *Half* of Wisdom for  
 the *Whole*, who distinguished it from Wit, as if WIS-  
 DOM only *separated*, and WIT only *brought together*?—  
 Yet so held the Philosopher of *Malmesbury*, and the  
 Author of the *Essay on the Human Understanding*.

(g) The very Etymologies of the Words ΕΠΙ-  
 ΣΤΗΜΗ, SCIENTIA, and UNDERSTANDING,  
 may serve in some degree to shew the nature of these  
 Faculties, as well as of those Beings, their true and  
 proper Objects. ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ ἀνόμασις, διὰ τὸ  
 ΕΠΙ ΣΤΑΣΙΝ καὶ ὅρον τῶν πραγμάτων ἀγενὴς ἡμᾶς,

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Here too even *Individuals*, however of Ch. IV.  
themselves unknowable, become objects of Knowlege,

τῆς ἀρεσίας καὶ μεταβολῆς τῶν ἐπὶ μέρες ἀπάγγοντος οὐ  
γὰρ ἐπισήμων τοῖς τὰ καθόλε καὶ ἀμετάπλωτα καταγί-  
νεται. SCIENCE (ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ) has its name from  
bringing us (ΕΠΙ ΣΤΑΣΙΝ) to some STOP and  
BOUNDARY of things, taking us away from the unbounded  
nature and mutability of Particulars; for it is conversant  
about Subjects, that are general, and invariable. Niceph.  
Blem. Epit. Logic. p. 21.

This Etymology given by Blemmides, and long before him adopted by the *Peripatetics*, came originally from *Plato*, as may be seen in the following account of it from his *Cratylus*. In this Dialogue *Socrates*, having first (according to the *Heraclitean* Philosophy which *Cratylus* favoured) etymologized a multitude of Words with a view to that *Flow* and *unceasing Mutation*, supposed by *Heraclitus* to run thro' all things, at length changes his System, and begins to etymologize from another, which supposed something in nature to be *permanent* and *fixed*. On this principle he thus proceeds —Σκοπῶμεν δή, ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀναλαβόντες τρεῶτον μὲν τέτο τὸ ὄνομα τὴν ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗΝ, ὡς ἀμφιβόλου ἐστι, καὶ μᾶλλον ἔσικε σημαῖνόν τι ὅτι ΙΣΤΗΣΙΝ ἡμῶν ΕΠΙ τοῖς τρεάγμασι τὴν ψυχὴν, οὐ ὅτι συμπερι-*φέρεται*. Let us consider then (says he) some of the very

Ch.IV. Knowlege, as far as their nature will permit. For then only may *any Particular* be

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*Words already examined ; and in the first place, the Word SCIENCE ; how disputable is this (as to its former Etymology) how much more naturally does it appear to signify, that IT STOPS THE SOUL AT THINGS, than that it is carried about with them. Plat. Cratyl. p. 437. Edit. Serr.*

The disputable Etymology, to which he here alludes, was a strange one of his own making in the former part of the Dialogue, adapted to the flowing System of Heraclitus there mentioned. According to this notion, he had derived ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ from ἔπειθαι and μένειν, as if it *kept along with things, by perpetually following them in their motions.* See *Plato* as before, p. 412.

As to SCIENTIA, we are indebted to *Scaliger* for the following ingenious Etymology. RATIOCINATIO, *motus quidam est* ; SCIENTIA, *quies: unde et nomen, tum apud Græcos, tum etiam nostrum.* Παρὰ τὸ ΕΠΙ ΙΣΤΑΣΘΑΙ, ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗ. *Siftitur enim mentis agitatio, et fit species in animo. Sic Latinum SCIENTIA, ὅτι γίνεται ΣΧΕΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΟΝΤΟΣ. Nam Latini, quod nomen entis simplex ab usu abjecerunt atque repudiarunt, omnibus aetivis participiis idem ad junxerunt. Audiens, ἀκέων ὄν. Sciens, χῶν ὄν.* *Scal.* in *Theophr. de Causis Plant. Lib. I. p. 17.*

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be said to be known, when by asserting it Ch.IV.  
to be *a Man*, or *an Animal*, or the like, we

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The *English* Word, UNDERSTANDING, means not so properly *Knowlege*, as that *Faculty of the Soul*, where *Knowlege* resides. Why may we not then imagine, that the framers of this Word intended to represent it as a kind of firm *Basis*, on which the fair Structure of Sciences was to rest, and which was supposed to STAND UNDER them, as their immoveable Support?

Whatever may be said of these Etymologies, whether they are true or false, they at least prove their Authors to have considered SCIENCE and UNDERSTANDING, not as *fleeting* powers of Perception, like *Sense*, but rather as *steady*, *permanent*, and *durable* COMPREHENSIONS. But if so, we must somewhere or other find for them certain *steady*, *permanent*, and *durable* OBJECTS; since if PERCEPTION OF ANY KIND BE DIFFERENT FROM THE THING PERCEIVED, (whether it perceive straight as crooked, or crooked as straight; the moving as fixed, or the fixed as moving) SUCH PERCEPTION MUST OF NECESSITY BE ERRONEOUS AND FALSE. The following passage from a *Greek Platonic* (whom we shall quote again hereafter) seems on the present occasion not without its weight—*Ei ἐσὶ γνῶσις ἀκριβεσέρα τῆς αἰσθήσεως, εἰν ἀν καὶ γνωστὰ ἀληθεσέρα τῶν αἰσθητῶν.* If there be

Ch.IV. we refer it to some such *comprehensive*, or  
 general Idea.

Now it is of these COMPREHENSIVE and PERMANENT IDEAS, THE GENUINE PERCEPTIONS OF PURE MIND, that WORDS of all Languages, however different, are the SYMBOLS. And hence it is, that *as the PERCEPTIONS include, so do these their SYMBOLS*

A KNOWLEGE more accurate than SENSATION; there must be certain OBJECTS of such knowlege MORE TRUE THAN OBJECTS OF SENSE.

The following then are Questions worth considering,—*What* these Objects are?—*Where* they reside?—*And how* they are to be discovered?—Not by *experimental Philosophy* it is plain; for that meddles with nothing, but what is tangible, corporeal, and mutable—nor even by the more refined and rational speculation of *Mathematics*; for this, at its very commencement, takes such Objects for granted. We can only add, that *if they reside in our own MINDS*, (and who, that has never looked there, can affirm they do not?) then will the advice of the Satirist be no ways improper,

—NEC TE QUÆSIVERIS EXTRA.  
*Pers.*

SYMBOLS express, not this or that set of Ch. IV. Particulars only, but all indifferently, as they happen to occur. Were therefore the Inhabitants of *Salisbury* to be transferred to *York*, tho' new particular objects would appear on every side, they would still no more want a new Language to explain themselves, than they would want new Minds to comprehend what they beheld. All indeed, that they would want, would be the *local proper Names*; which Names, as we have said already \*, are hardly a part of Language, but must equally be learnt both by learned and unlearned, as often as they change the place of their abode.

IT is upon the same principles we may perceive the reason, why the dead Languages (as we call them) are now intelligible; and why the Language of *modern England* is able to describe *antient Rome*;

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\* Sup. p. 345, 346.

Ch.IV. and that of *antient Rome* to describe *modern* ~~such~~ *England* (h). But of these matters we have spoken before.

§ 2. AND now having viewed *the Process, by which we acquire general Ideas,* let us begin anew from other Principles, and try to discover (if we can prove so fortunate) *whence it is that these Ideas originally come.* If we can succeed here, we may discern perhaps, *what kind of Beings they are,* for this at present appears somewhat obscure,

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(h) As far as *Human Nature*, and *the primary Genera* both of *Substance* and *Accident* are *the same* in all places, and have been so thro' all ages: so far *all Languages* share one common *IDENTITY*. As far as *peculiar species of Substance* occur in different regions; and much more, as far as *the positive Institutions of religious and civil Politics* are *every where different*; so far each *Language* has its peculiar *DIVERSITY*. To the Causes of *Diversity* here mentioned, may be added *the distinguishing Character and Genius of every Nation*, concerning which we shall speak hereafter.

LET us suppose any man to look for Ch.IV. the first time upon *some Work of Art*, as ~~—~~ for example upon a Clock, and having sufficiently viewed it, at length to depart. Would he not retain, when absent, an Idea of what he had seen?—And what is it, *to retain such Idea?*—*It is to have A FORM INTERNAL correspondent to THE EXTERNAL*; only with this difference, that the *Internal Form is devoid of the Matter*; the *External is united with it*, being seen in the metal, the wood, and the like.

Now if we suppose this Spectator to view *many such Machines*, and not simply to view, but to consider every part of them, so as to comprehend how these parts all operate to one End, he might be then said to possess a kind of INTELLIGIBLE FORM, by which he would not only understand, and know the Clocks, which he had seen *already*, but every Work also of like Sort, which he might see *hereafter*.—

Ch.IV. Should it be asked “ *which of these Forms*  
 — “ *is prior, the External and Sensible, or*  
 “ *the Internal and Intelligible;*” the An-  
 swer is obvious, that *the prior is the Sen-  
 sible.*

THUS then we see, THERE ARE IN-  
 TELLIGIBLE FORMS, WHICH TO THE  
 SENSIBLE ARE SUBSEQUENT.

BUT farther still—If these Machines be  
 allowed the Work *not of Chance*, but of  
*an Artist*, they must be the Work of one,  
 who knew what he was about. And what  
 is it, to work, and know what one is about?  
 — *It is to have an Idea of what one is*  
*doing; to possess a FORM INTERNAL, cor-*  
*respondent to the EXTERNAL, to which ex-*  
*ternal it serves for an EXEMPLAR or AR-*  
*CHETYPE.*

HERE then we have AN INTELLIGI-  
 BLE FORM, WHICH IS PRIOR TO THE  
 SENSIBLE FORM; which, being truly prior

as well in dignity as in time, can no more Ch.IV.  
become subsequent, than Cause can to Effect.

THUS then, with respect to Works of ART, we may perceive, if we attend, A TRIPLE ORDER OF FORMS ; one Order, intelligible and previous to these Works ; a second Order, sensible and concomitant ; and a third again, intelligible and subsequent. After the first of these Orders the Maker may be said to work ; thro' the second, the Works themselves exist, and are what they are ; and in the third they become recognized, as mere Objects of Contemplation. To make these Forms by different Names more easy to be understood ; the first may be called THE MAKER'S FORM ; the second, that of THE SUBJECT ; and the third, that of THE CONTEMPLATOR.

Let us pass from hence to Works of NATURE. Let us imagine ourselves viewing some diversified Prospect ; " a Plain, " for example, spacious and fertile ; a " river

Ch.IV. " river winding thro' it; by the banks  
" of that river, men walking and cattle  
" grazing; the view terminated with  
" distant hills, some craggy, and some  
" covered with wood." Here it is plain  
we have plenty of FORMS NATURAL.  
And could any one quit so fair a Sight,  
and retain no traces of what he had beheld?—And what is it, *to retain traces  
of what one has beheld?*—It is to have cer-  
tain FORMS INTERNAL correspondent to  
the EXTERNAL, and resembling them in  
every thing, *except the being merged in  
Matter.* And thus, thro' the same reten-  
tive and collective Powers, the Mind be-  
comes fraught with *Forms natural*, as be-  
fore with *Forms artificial*.—Should it be  
asked, " *which of these natural Forms are  
prior, the External ones viewed by the  
Senses, or the Internal existing in the  
Mind?*" the Answer is obvious, that  
*the prior are the External.*

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THUS therefore in NATURE, as well as Ch. IV. in ART, THERE ARE INTELLIGIBLE FORMS, WHICH TO THE SENSIBLE ARE SUBSEQUENT. Hence then we see the meaning of that noted School Axiom, *Nil est in INTELLECTU quod non prius fuit in SENSU*; an Axiom, which we must own to be so far allowable, as it respects the Ideas of a mere *Contemplator*.

BUT to proceed somewhat farther—Are *natural* Productions made BY CHANCE, or BY DESIGN?—Let us admit *by Design*, not to lengthen our inquiry. They are certainly \* more exquisite than *any* Works of ART, and yet *these* we cannot bring ourselves to suppose made by *Chance*.—Admit it, and what follows?—*We must of necessity admit a MIND also, because DESIGN implies MIND, wherever it is to be found.*—Allowing therefore this, what do we mean

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\* *Arist. de Part. Animal. L. I. c. 1.*

Ch.IV. mean by the Term, MIND?—We mean  
something, which, when it acts, knows what  
it is going to do; something stored with Ideas  
of its intended Works, agreeably to which  
Ideas those Works are fashioned.

THAT such EXEMPLARS, PATTERNS,  
FORMS, IDEAS (call them as you please)  
must *of necessity* be, requires no proving,  
but follows of course, if we admit the  
Cause of Nature to be A MIND, as above  
mentioned. For take away these, and  
*what a Mind* do we leave without them?  
CHANCE surely is as knowing, as MIND  
WITHOUT IDEAS; or rather MIND  
WITHOUT IDEAS is no less blind than  
CHANCE.

THE Nature of these IDEAS is not difficult to explain, if we once come to allow  
a possibility of their Existence. That they  
are exquisitely *beautiful*, *various*, and *orderly*, is evident from the exquisite Beauty,  
Variety, and Order, seen in natural Sub-  
stances,

stances, which are but their *Copies* or *Pictures* Ch.IV. That they are *mental* is plain, as ~~they are~~ they are of the *Essence of MIND*, and consequently no Objects to any of the *Senses*, nor therefore circumscribed either by *Time* or *Place*.

HERE then, on this System, we have plenty of **FORMS INTELLIGIBLE**, WHICH ARE TRULY PREVIOUS TO ALL FORMS SENSIBLE. Here too we see that NATURE is not defective in her TRIPLE ORDER, having (like Art) her FORMS PREVIOUS, HER CONCOMITANT, and HER SUBSEQUENT (i).

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(i) *Simplicius*, in his commentary upon the Predicaments, calls the *first* Order of these intelligible Forms, *τὰ ὡρὸ τῆς μεθίξεως*, *those previous to Participation*, and at other times, *ἢ ἐξηγημένη κοινότης*, *the transcendent Universality or Sameness*; the *second* Order he calls *τὰ ἐν μεθίξει*, *those which exist in Participation*, that is, those merged in Matter; and at other times, he calls them *ἢ κατατεταγμένη κοινότης*, *the subordinate Universality or Sameness*; lastly, of the *third* Order he says, that

Ch.IV. THAT the Previous may be *justly* so  
 called is plain, because they are *essentially*  
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that they have no independent existence of their own, but that—*ἡμεῖς ἀφελόντες αὐτὰ ἐν ταῖς ἡμετέραις ἐννοίαις, καθ' ἑαυτὰ ὑπεισῆσαμεν, we ourselves abstracting them in our own Imaginations, have given them by such abstraction an existence as of themselves.* Simp. in Prædic. p. 17. In another place he says, in a language somewhat mysterious, yet still conformable to the same doctrine—*Μήποτε ἐν τριτῶν ληπτέου τὸ κοινὸν, τὸ μὲν ἐξηρημένου τῶν καθ' ἔκαστα, καὶ ἀιτίου τῆς ἐν αὐτοῖς κοινότητος, κατὰ τὴν μίαν ἑαυτῷ Φύσιν, ὡσπερ καὶ τῆς διαφορότητος κατὰ τὴν τολνειόν τρόπον—δεύτερον δὲ ἐξ τὸ κοινὸν, τὸ ἀπὸ κοινῶν αἰτία τοῖς διαφόροις ἐιδεσιν ἐνδιδόμενον, καὶ ἐνυπάρχον αὐτοῖς—τρίτον δὲ, τὸ ἐν ταῖς ἡμετέραις διανοίαις ἐξ ἀφαιρέσεως ὑφισάμενον, ὑπερογκενὲς δὲ—Perhaps therefore we must admit a TRIPLE ORDER OF WHAT IS UNIVERSAL AND THE SAME; that of the first Order, transcendent and superior to Particulars, which thro' its uniform nature is the cause of that Sameness existing in them, as thro' its multiform pre-conception it is the cause of their Diversity—that of the second Order, what is infused from the first universal Cause into the various Species of Beings, and which has its existence in those several Species—that of the third Order, what subsists by abstraction in our own Understandings, being of subsequent origin to the other two. Ibid. p. 21.*

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BLE WORLD exhibits nothing more, than —  
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To *Simplicius* we shall add the two following Quotations from *Ammonius* and *Nicephorus Blemmides*, which we have ventured to transcribe, without regard to their uncommon length, as they so fully establish the Doctrine here advanced, and the works of these Authors are not easy to be procured.

Ἐννοείσθω τοίνυν δακτύλιος τις ἐκίνητωμα ἔχων, εἰς τύχοις, Ἀχιλλέως, καὶ κηρία τολλὰ ταρακείμενα· ὃ δὲ δακτύλιος σφραγιζέτω τὰς κηρὺς πάντας· ὕσερον δέ τις εἰσελθῶν καὶ θεασάμενος τὰ κηρία, ἐπισήσκει ὅτε πάντας ἔχει ἐνός εἰσιν ἐκίνητωματαί, ἔχετω ταρφ' αὐτῷ τὸ ἐκίνητωμα τῇ διανοίᾳ. Ἡ τοίνυν σφραγὶς οὐ ἐν τῷ δακτυλίῳ λέγεται ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΠΟΛΛΩΝ εἴναι. οὐ δὲ ἐν τοῖς κηρίοις, ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ· οὐ δὲ ἐν τῇ διανοίᾳ τῇ ἀπομαξαρένε, ΕΠΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ, καὶ υπερογενής. Τέτο οὖν ἐννοείσθω καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν γενῶν καὶ ἐιδῶν· ὃ γάρ Δημιτργὸς, τοιῶν πάντα, ἔχει ταρφ' ἐκυτῷ τὰ πάνταν ταρακείγματα· οἷον, τοιῶν ἀνθρώπου, ἔχει τὸ εἶδος ταρφ' ἐκυτῷ τὸ ἀνθρώπινον, τρόπος οὐ αὐτῷ, πάντας ποιεῖ. Εἰ δέ τις ἐνταίνει λέγων, ως τούτοις ταρφά τῷ Δημιτργῷ τὰ ἐιδη, αἰκάτω ταῦτα, ως οὐ Δημιτργὸς δημιτργεῖ, οὐ οὐδὲ τὰ ὑπὸ αὐτῷ δημιτργόμενα, οὐ οὐδὲ οὐδὲ. Ἀλλ' οὐ μὲν μὴ οὐδὲ, οὐδὲ οὐ δημιτργήσει. Τίς γάρ, μέλλων ποιήσειν τι, αἰγαοῖς οὐ μέλλει

Ch.IV. so many *passing* Pictures of these *immutable*  
 Archetypes. Nay thro' these it attains even

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μέλλει ποιεῖν; ἢ γὰρ, ὡς ή Φύσις, ἀλόγῳ δυνάμει ποιεῖ· (όθεν καὶ ποιεῖ ή Φύσις, ὅπερ ἐφισάνθη γνωστὸς τῷ γιγνομένῳ) Ἐι δέ τι καθ' ἔξιν λογικὴν ποιεῖ, διδεπτὸν πάντως τὸ γιγνόμενον ὑπὸ αὐτῆς. Ἐι τοίνυν μὴ χειρον, ή κατὰ ἀνθρώπου, ὁ Θεὸς ποιεῖ, οἶδε τὸ ὑπὸ αὐτῆς γιγνόμενον· εἰ δὲ διδεν δι ποιεῖ, αὐτόθι δηλου, ὡς ἔσιν ἐν τῷ Δημιουργῷ τὰ ἔιδη. Ἐι δὲ τὸ ἔιδος ἐν τῷ Δημιουργῷ, ὡς ὁ ἐν τῷ δακτυλίῳ τύπος· καὶ λέγεται τοῦτο τὸ ἔιδος ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΠΟΛΛΩΝ, καὶ χωρισὸν τῆς ὕλης. Ἐι δὲ τὸ ἔιδος τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ καὶ ἐν τοῖς καθ' ἔνασιν ἀνθρώποις, ὡς τὰ ἐν τοῖς κηροῖς ἐκτυπώματα· καὶ λέγεται τὰ ποιῶντα ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ ἔιναι, καὶ ἀχώριστα τῆς ὕλης. Θεασάμενος δὲ τὰς κατὰ μέρος ἀνθρώπους, ὅτι πάντες τὸ ἀυτὸν εἶδος τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ ἔχοσιν, (ὡς ἐπὶ τῷ ὑσερον ἐλθόντος, καὶ θεασαμένων τὰ κηρία) ἀνεμοχόρισθα ἀυτὸν ἐν τῇ διανοίᾳ· καὶ λέγεται τοῦτο ΕΠΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ, ἦγουν μετὰ τὰ πολλὰ, καὶ ὑσερογενές. *Intelligatur annulus, qui alicujus, ut-pote Achillis, imaginem insculptam habeat: multæ insuper ceræ sint, et ab annulo imprimantur: veniat deinde quispiam, videatque ceras omnes unius annuli impressione formatas, annulique impressionem in mente contineat: sigillum annulo insculptum, ANTE MULTA, dicetur: in cerulis impressum, in MULTIS: quod vero in illius, qui illo venerat intelligentia remanserit, POST MULTA, et posterius*

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rius genitum dicetur. *Idem in generibus et formis intelligendum censeo: etenim ille optimus procreator mundi Deus, omnium rerum formas, atque exempla habet apud se: ut si hominem efficere velit, in hominis formam, quam habet, intueatur, et ad illius exemplum cæteros faciat omnes.* At si quis resistiterit, dicatque rerum formas apud Creatorem non esse: quæso ut diligenter attendat: *Opifex, quæ facit, vel cognoscit, vel ignorat: sed is, qui nesciet, nunquam quicquam faciet: quis enim id facere aggreditur, quod facere ignorat?* Neque enim facultate quâdam rationis experite aliquid aget, prout agit natura (ex quo conficitur, ut natura etiam agat, et si quæ faciat, non advertat:) Si vero ratione quadam aliquid facit, quodcunque ab eo factum est omnino cognovit. Si igitur Deus non pejore ratione, quam homo, facit quid, quæ fecit cognovit: si cognovit quæ fecit, in ipso rerum formas esse perspicuum est. Formæ autem in opifice sunt perinde ac in annulo sigillum, hæcque forma ANTE MULTA, et avulsa a materiâ dicitur. Atqui hominis species in unoquoque homine est, quemadmodum etiam sigilla in ceris; et IN MULTIS, nec avulsa a materiâ dicitur. At cum singulos homines animo conspiciimus, et eandem in unoquoque formam atque effigiem videimus, illa effigies in mente nostrâ insidens POST MULTA, et posterius genita dicetur: veluti in illo quoque dicebamus, qui multa sigilla in cerâ uno et eodem annulo impressa conspicerat. Ammon. in Prophyr. Introd. p. 29. b.

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Λέγονται δὲ τὰ γένη καὶ τὰ εἴδη ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΠΟΛΛΩΝ, ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ, ΕΠΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ· οἷον ἐννοείσθω τὸ σφραγιστήριον, ἔχον καὶ ἐκτύπωμα τὸ τυχόν, ἐξ ἣν κηρία τολλὰ μεταλλαβέτω τὴν ἐκτύπωματ<sup>Θ</sup>, καί τις ὑπ’ ὅψιν ἀγαγέτω ταῦτα, μὴ τροκατιδῶν μηδὲ ὅλως τὸ σφραγιστήριον· ἐωρακὼς δὲ τὰ ἐν οἷς τὸ ἐκτύπωμα, καὶ ἐπισήσας ὅτι ταῦτα τῷ ἀντεχόμενῳ ἐκτύπωματ<sup>Θ</sup>, καὶ τὰ δοκεύτα τολλὰ τῷ λόγῳ συναθροίσας εἰς ἐν, ἔχετω τότε κατὰ διάνοιαν. Τὸ μὲν ὅν τὸ σφραγιστήριον τύπωμα λέγεται ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΠΟΛΛΩΝ· τό δὲ ἐν τοῖς κηρίοις, ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ· τὸ δὲ ἐξ ἀντῶν καταληφθὲν, καὶ κατὰ διάνοιαν αὐτῶς ὑποσὰν, ΕΠΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ. “Ουτως δέν καὶ τὰ γένη καὶ τὰ εἴδη ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΠΟΛΛΩΝ μέν εἰσιν ἐν τῷ Δημιαργῷ, κατὰ τὰς τοιτικὰς λόγις· ἐν τῷ Θεῷ γάρ οἱ κατιοποιοὶ λόγοι τῶν ὅντων ἐνταίως αρροῦφεσήκασι, καθ’ ὃς λόγις ὁ ὑπερέστι<sup>Θ</sup> τὰ ὅντα ταῦτα καὶ τροφεῖται καὶ ταργήγαγεν· ὑφεσηκέναι δὲ λέγονται τὰ γένη καὶ τὰ εἴδη ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ, διότι ἐν τοῖς κατὰ μέρ<sup>Θ</sup> αὐθρώποις τὸ τῷ αὐθρώπῳ εἰδός ἐσι, καὶ τοῖς κατὰ μέρ<sup>Θ</sup> ἵπποις τὸ τῷ ἵππῳ εἰδ<sup>Θ</sup>· ἐν αὐθρώποις δὲ, καὶ ἵπποις, καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις ζώοις τὸ γέν<sup>Θ</sup> ἐνεργεταῖς τῶν τοιτικῶν εἰδῶν, ὅπερ ἐσὶ τὸ ζῶον· καθ’ τοῖς ζώοις ὅμοι καὶ τοῖς ζωοφύτοις τὸ καθολικώτερον γέν<sup>Θ</sup>, τὸ αἰσθητικὸν, ἐξετάζεται· συναχθέντων δὲ καὶ τῶν φυτῶν,

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CALLY ONE, amid those infinite parti- Ch.IV.  
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Θεωρεῖται τὸ ἔμψυχον· εἰ δὲ σὺν τοῖς ἔμψυχοις ἐθέλεις τις ἐπισκοπεῖν καὶ τὰ ἄψυχα, τὸ σῶμα σύμπαν κατόψεται· συνδραμεσῶν δὲ τοῖς ἐιρημένοις τῶν ἀσωμάτων ὅσιῶν, τό πρῶτον γένος φανεῖται καὶ γενικώτατον καὶ τὸ μὲν EN ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ ὑφέστηκε τὰ ἔιδη καὶ τὰ γένη. Καταλαβῶν δέ τις ἐκ τῶν κατὰ μέρος ἀνθρώπων τὴν ἀντῶν Φύσιν, τὴν ἀνθρωπότητα, ἐκ δὲ τῶν κατὰ μέρος ἵππων ἀντὴν τὴν ἵπποτητα, καὶ γέτω τὸ καθόλε πάνθρωπον, καὶ τὸν καθόλε ἵππον ἐπινοήσας· καὶ τὸ καθόλε ζῶον ἐκ τῶν καθέκαστα τῷ λόγῳ συναγαγών· καὶ τὸ καθόλε αἰσθητικὸν, καὶ τὸ καθόλε ἔμψυχον, καὶ τὸ καθόλε σῶμα, καὶ τὴν καθολικωτάτην ὅσιαν ἐξ ἀπάντων συλλογισάμενος, ὁ τοιότητος ἐν τῇ ἑαυτῇ διανοίᾳ τὰ γένη καὶ τὰ ἔιδη ἀνέλως ὑπέσησεν ΕΠΙ ΤΟΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΟΙΣ, τυτέσι, μετὰ τὰ πολλὰ καὶ ὑπερογγενῆς. *Genera vero et Species dicuntur esse ANTE MULTA, IN MULTIS, POST MULTA.* Ut puta, intelligatur sigillum, quamlibet figuram habens, ex quo multæ ceræ ejusdem figuræ sint participes, et in medium aliquis has proferat, nequaquam præviso sigillo. Cum autem vidisset eas ceras in quibus figura exprimitur, et animadvertisset omnes eandem figuram participare, et quæ videbantur multæ, ratione in unum coegisset, hoc in mente teneat. Nempe sigillum dicitur esse species ANTE MULTA; illa vero in ceris, IN MULTIS; quæ vero ab iis desumitur, et in mente immaterialiter subsistit, POST MULTA. Sic igitur et *Genera et Species ANTE MULTA in Creatore sunt, secundum rationes efficientes.*

Ch. IV. cular changes, that befal it every moment (k).

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*In Deo enim rerum effet. C. IX. X.*

(k) The following elegant Lines of *Virgil* are worth attending to, tho' applied to no higher a subject than Bees.

MAY we be allowed then to credit those Ch. IV.  
speculative Men, who tell us, “ it is in —  
“ these

*Ergo ipsas quamvis angusti terminus ævi  
Excipiat : (neque enim plus septima ducitur ætas)  
AT GENUS IMMORTALE MANET — G. IV.*

The same *Immortality*, that is, the *Immortality of the Kind*, may be seen in all *perishable substances*, whether animal or inanimate; for tho' *Individuals perish*, the *several Kinds still remain*. And hence, if we take **TIME**, as denoting the *system of things temporary*, we may collect the meaning of that passage in the *Timæus*, where the Philosopher describes **TIME** to be — μένοντος άιώνος ἐν ἐνὶ κατ' αριθμὸν ἵσταντος άιώνον ἐικόνα. *Æternitatis in uno permanentis Imaginem quandam, certis numerorum articulis progredientem.* Plat. V. III. p. 37. Edit. Serran.

We have subjoined the following extract from *Boethius*, to serve as a commentary on this description of **TIME**. — *ÆTERNITAS igitur est, interminabilis vitæ tota simul et perfecta possessio. Quod ex collatione temporaliū clarius liquet. Nam quidquid vivit in TEMPORE, id præsens à præteritis in futura procedit: nihilque est in tempore ita constitutum, quod totum vitæ suæ spatiū pariter possit amplecti; sed crastinum quidem nondum apprehendit, hesternum vero jam perdidit. In hodiernâ quoque vita non amplius vivitis, quam in illo mobili transitorioque*

Ch.IV. " these permanent and comprehensive FORMS  
 " that THE DEITY views at once, without  
 " looking abroad, all possible productions  
 " both present, past, and future—that this  
 " great and stupendous View is but a View  
 " of himself, where all things lie enveloped  
 " in their Principles and Exemplars, as be-  
 " ing

momento. *Quod igitur Temporis patitur conditionem, licet illud, sicut de mundo censuit Aristoteles, nec cœperit unquam esse, nec definat, vitaque ejus cum temporis infinitate tendatur, nondum tamen tale est, ut æternum esse jure credatur.* Non enim totum simul infinitæ licet vitæ spatiū comprehendit, atque complectitur, sed futura nondum transacta jam non habet. *Quod igitur interminabilis vitæ plenitudinem totam pariter comprehendit, ac possidet, cui neque futuri quidquam absit, nec præteriti flixeret, id ÆTERNUM esse jure perhibetur: idque necesse est, et sui compos præsens sibi semper assistere, et infinitatem mobilis temporis habere præsentem.* Unde quidam non rectè, qui cum audiunt visum Platoni, mundum hunc nec habuisse initium, nec habiturum esse defectum, hoc modo conditori conditum mundum fieri co-æternum putant. Aliud est enim PER INTERMINABILEM DUCI VITAM, (quod Mundo Plato tribuit) aliud INTERMINABILIS VITÆ TOTAM PARITER COMPLEXAM ESSE PRÆSENTIAM, quod Divine Menis proprium esse manifestum est. Neque enim Deus

“ *ing essential to the fulness of his universal* Ch.IV.  
 “ *Intellection?*” — If so, it will be proper  
 that we invert the Axiom before men-  
 tioned, We must now say — *Nil est in*  
*SENSU, quod non prius fuit in INTELLEC-*  
*TU.* For tho’ the contrary may be true  
 with respect to Knowledge *merely human*,  
 yet never can it be true with respect to

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*Deus conditis rebus antiquior videri debet temporis quanti-  
 tate, sed simplicis potius proprietate naturæ. HUNC  
 ENIM VITÆ IMMOBILIS PRÆSENTARIUM STA-  
 TUM, INFINITUS ILLE TEMPORALIUM RERUM  
 MOTUS IMITATUR; cumque eum effingere, atque aquare  
 non possit, ex immobilitate deficit in motum; ex simplicitate  
 præsentiae decrescit in infinitam futuri ac præteriti quanti-  
 tatem; et, cum totam pariter vitæ suæ plenitudinem ne-  
 queat possidere, hoc ipso, quod aliquo modo nunquam esse  
 definit, illud, quod implere atque exprimere non potest,  
 aliquatenus videtur æmulari, alligans se ad qualemunque  
 præsentiam hujus exigui volucrisque momenti: quæ, quo-  
 niam MANENTIS ILLIUS PRÆSENTIÆ QUANDAM  
 GESTAT IMAGINEM, quibuscumque contigerit, id præ-  
 stat, ut ESSE videantur. Quoniam vero manere non po-  
 tuit, infinitum Temporis iter arripuit: eoque modo factum  
 est, ut CONTINUARET VITAM EUNDO, cuius pleni-  
 tudinem complecti non valuit PERMANENDO. Itaque,  
 &c. De Consolat. Philosoph. L. V.*

Ch.IV. Knowlege universally, unless we give *Precedence to ATOMS and LIFELESS BODY*, making MIND, among other things, to be struck out by a lucky Concourse.

§ 3. IT is far from the design of this Treatise, to insinuate that Atheism is the Hypothesis of our latter Metaphysicians. But yet it is somewhat remarkable, in their several Systems, how readily they admit of the above *Precedence*.

FOR mark the Order of things, according to their account of them. First comes that huge Body *the sensible World*. Then this and its Attributes beget *sensible Ideas*. Then out of sensible Ideas, by a kind of lopping and pruning, are made *Ideas intelligible, whether specific or general*. Thus should they admit that MIND was coeval with BODY, yet till BODY gave it Ideas, and awakened its dormant Powers, it could at best have been nothing more

more, than *a sort of dead Capacity*; for Ch.IV.  
INNATE IDEAS it could not possibly have ~~any~~ any.

AT another time we hear of *Bodies* so exceedingly fine, that their very *Exility* makes them susceptible of *sensation* and *knowledge*; as if they shrunk into *Intellect* by their exquisite subtlety, which rendered them too delicate to be *Bodies* any longer. It is to this notion we owe many curious inventions, such as *subtle Æther, animal Spirits, nervous Ducts, Vibrations*, and the like; Terms, which MODERN PHILOSOPHY, upon parting with *occult Qualities*, has found expedient to provide itself, to supply their place.

BUT the *intellectual Scheme*, which never forgets Deity, postpones every thing corporeal to the primary mental Cause. It is here it looks for the origin of *intelligible Ideas*, even of those, which exist in *human Capacities*. For tho' *sensible Objects* may be

Ch.IV. be the destined medium, to awaken the dormant Energies of *Man's* Understanding, yet are those Energies themselves no more contained in *Sense*, than the Explosion of a Cannon, in the Spark which gave it fire (1).

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(1) The following Note is taken from a Manuscript Commentary of the *Platonic Olympiodorus*, (quoted before p. 371.) upon the *Phædo* of *Plato*; which tho' perhaps some may object to from inclining to the Doctrine of *Platonic Reminiscence*, yet it certainly gives a better account how far the *Senses* assist in the acquisition of *Science*, than we can find given by vulgar Philosophers.

Οὐδέποτε γὰρ τὰ χείρω καὶ δεύτερα αἴρχαι ἢ αὐτίας εἰσὶ τῶν κρειττόνων. Εἰ δὲ δεῖ καὶ ταῖς ἐγκυκλίοις ἐξηγήσεσι πειθεσθαι· καὶ αἴρχην ἐπεῖν τὴν ἀισθησιν τῆς ἐπιστῆμας, λέξομεν αὐτὴν αἴρχην ἐχ ὡς παιπτικὴν, ἀλλ᾽ ὡς ἐρεθίζεσσαν τὴν ἡμετέραν ψυχὴν εἰς ἀνάμυνσιν τῶν καθόλων—κατὰ τάῦλην δὲ τὴν ἐννοίαν ἔιρηται καὶ τὸ ἐν Τιμαίῳ, ὅτι δι' ὅψεως καὶ ἀκοῆς τὸ τῆς φιλοσοφίας ἐπορίσαμεθα γένος, διότι ἐκ τῶν ἀισθητῶν εἰς ἀνάμυνσιν αἴφικνόμεθα. *Those things, which are inferior and secondary, are by no means the Principles or Causes of the more excellent; and tho' we admit the common interpretations, and allow SENSE to be a Principle of SCIENCE, we must however call it a Principle, not as if it was the efficient*

IN short ALL MINDS, that are, are ~~Si-~~ Ch.IV.  
MILAR and CONGENIAL; and so too are ~~—~~  
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*efficient Cause, but as it rouses our Soul to the Recollection of general Ideas—According to the same way of thinking is it said in the Timæus, that through the Sight and Hearing we acquire to ourselves Philosophy, because we pass from Objects of SENSE to REMINISCENCE or RECOLLECTION.*

And in another passage he observes—Ἐπειδὴ γὰρ πάμπορφου ἀγαλμά ἐσιν ἡ ψυχὴ, πάντων τῶν ὄντων ἔχεσσα λόγιας, ἐριθιζομένη ὑπὸ τῶν αἰσθητῶν ἀναμιμητόσκεται ὡς ἔνδον ἔχει λόγων, καὶ τέττας προεάλλεται. *For in as much as the SOUL, by containing the Principles of all Beings, is a sort of OMNIFORM REPRESENTATION or EXEMPLAR; when it is rouzed by objects of Sense, it recollects those Principles, which it contains within, and brings them forth,*

Georgius Gemistus, otherwise called Pletho, writes upon the same subject in the following manner. Τὴν ψυχὴν Φασὶν οἱ τὰ ἔιδη τιθέμενοι ἀναλαμβάνεσσαν ἔσγει ἐπιτήμην τὰς ἐν τοῖς αἰσθητοῖς λόγιας, ἀνεριθέσερον ἀντὰς ἔχουτας καὶ τελεώτερον ἐν ἐαυτῇ ἔχειν, ἢ ἐν τοῖς αἰσθητοῖς ἔχεσσι. Τὸ δὲ ἐν τελεώτερον τέττο καὶ ἀνεριθέσερον ἐν αὐτῷ τῶν αἰσθητῶν ἔχειν τὴν ψυχὴν, ὅγε μὴ ἐσιν ἐν αὐτοῖς. Οὐ δέ αὖ μηδαμῶς ἀλλόθι ὃν ἀυτὴν ἐξ ἀυτῆς δια-

νοεῖσθαι.

Ch.IV. their Ideas, or *intelligible Forms*. Were  
 it otherwise, there could be no intercourse  
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νοεῖσθαι· οὐδὲ γὰρ τεφυκέναι τὴν ψυχὴν μηδαμῆ σύ, τι  
 διανοεῖσθαι· τὰς γὰρ ψευδεῖς τῶν δοξῶν ἐχὶ μὴ ὄντων  
 ἀλλ’ ὄντων μὲν, ἄλλων δὲ κατ’ ἄλλων ἔιναι συνθέσεις  
 τινὰς, καὶ κατὰ τὸ ὄρθον γινομένας. Λέπτεσθαι δὲ ἀφ’  
 ἔτέρας τινὸς Φύσεως πολλῷ ἔτι κρείτονός τε καὶ τελεωτέ-  
 ρας ἀφίκειν τῇ ψυχῇ τὸ τελεώτερον τέτο τῶν ἐν τοῖς  
 ἀισθητοῖς λόγων. Those who suppose IDEAL FORMS,  
 say that the Soul, when she assumes, for the purposes of  
 Science, those Proportions, which exist in sensible objects,  
 possesses them with a superior accuracy and perfection, than  
 that to which they attain in those sensible objects. Now  
 this superior Perfection or Accuracy the Soul cannot have  
 from sensible objects, as it is in fact not in them; nor yet  
 can she conceive it herself as from herself, without its  
 having existence any where else. For the Soul is not  
 formed so as to conceive that, which has existence nowhere,  
 since even such opinions, as are false, are all of them com-  
 positions irregularly formed, not of mere Non-Beings, but  
 of various real Beings, one with another. It remains  
 therefore that this Perfection, which is superior to the  
 Proportions existing in sensible objects, must descend to the  
 Soul from SOME OTHER NATURE, WHICH IS BY  
 MANY DEGREES MORE EXCELLENT AND PER-  
 FECT. Pleth. de Aristotel. et Platonic. Philosoph.  
 Diff. Edit. Paris 1541.

The ΛΟΓΟΙ or PROPORTIONS, of which Ge-  
 mistus here speaks, mean not only those relative Pro-  
 portions

between Man and Man, or (what is more Ch. IV.  
important) between Man and God.

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portions of *Equality* and *Inequality*, which exist in *Quantity*, (such as double, sesquialter, &c.) but in a larger sense, they may be extended to mathematical *Lines*, *Angles*, *Figures*, &c. of all which *Λόγοι* or *Proportions*, tho' we possess in the *Mind* the most clear and precise Ideas, yet it may be justly questioned, whether any one of them ever existed in the *sensible* World.

To these two Authors we may add *Boethius*, who, after having enumerated many acts of the *MIND* or *INTELLECT*, wholly distinct from *Sensation*, and independent of it, at length concludes,

*Hæc est efficiens magis  
Longè caussa potentior,  
Quam quæ materiæ modo  
Impressas patitur notas.  
Præcedit tamen excitans,  
Ac vires animi movens,  
Vivo in corpore passio.  
Cùm vel lux oculos ferit,  
Vel vox auribus infremit;  
Tum MENTIS VIGOR excitus,  
QUAS INTUS SPECIES TENET,  
Ad motus simileis vocans,  
Notis applicat exteris,  
INTRORSUMQUE RECONDITIS  
FORMIS miscit imagines.*

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Ch. IV. For what is Conversation between Man and Man?—It is a mutual intercourse of *Speaking* and *Hearing*.—To the Speaker, it is *to teach*; to the Hearer, it is *to learn*.—To the Speaker, it is *to descend* from *Ideas* to *Words*; to the Hearer, it is *to ascend* from *Words* to *Ideas*.—If the Hearer, in this ascent, can arrive at *no Ideas*, then is he said *not to understand*; if he ascend to Ideas dissimilar and heterogeneous, then is he said *to misunderstand*.—What then is requisite, that he may be said *to understand*?—That he should ascend to certain Ideas, treasured up *within himself*, correspondent and similar to those *within the Speaker*. The same may be said of a *Writer* and a *Reader*; as when any one reads to day or to morrow, or here or in *Italy*, what *Euclid* wrote in *Greece* two thousand years ago.

Now is it not marvelous, there should be *so exact an Identity of our Ideas*, if they were

were only generated from *sensible Objects*, Ch. IV.  
infinite in number, ever changing, distant  
in Time, distant in Place, and no one  
Particular the same with any other?

AGAIN, do we allow it possible for GOD  
to signify his *will* to Men; or for MEN to  
signify their *wants* to GOD?—In both these  
cases there must be *an Identity of Ideas*, or  
else nothing is done either one way or the  
other. Whence then do these COMMON  
IDENTIC IDEAS come?—Those of *Men*,  
it seems, come all from *Sensation*. And  
whence come *God's Ideas*?—Not surely  
from *Sensation* too; for this we can hardly  
venture to affirm, without giving to *Body*  
that notable *Precedence of being prior to the*  
*Intellection of even God himself*.—Let them  
then be *original*; let them be *connate*, and  
*essential to the divine Mind*.—If this be true,  
is it not a fortunate Event, that *Ideas of*  
*corporeal rise, and others of mental, (things*  
*derived from subjects so totally distinct) should*  
*so*

Ch.IV. so happily co-incide in the same wonderful  
Identity ?

HAD we not better reason thus upon so abstruse a Subject ?—Either all MINDS have their Ideas *derived*; or all have them *original*; or *some have them original, and some derived*. If all Minds have them *derived*, they must be derived from something, *which is itself not Mind*, and thus we fall insensibly into a kind of Atheism. If all have them *original*, *then are all Minds divine*, an Hypothesis by far more plausible than the former. But if this be not admitted, than must *one Mind* (at least) have *original Ideas*, and the rest have them *derived*. Now supposing this last, whence are those Minds, whose Ideas are derived, most likely to derive them ?—From MIND, or from BODY ?—From MIND, a thing *homogeneous*; or from BODY, a thing *heterogeneous*? From MIND, such as (from the Hypothesis) has *original*

original Ideas; or from BODY, which we Ch.IV. cannot discover to have any Ideas at all? (1)

—An Examination of this kind, pursued with accuracy and temper, is the most probable method of solving these doubts: It is thus we shall be enabled with more assurance to decide, whether we are to admit the Doctrine of the *Epicurean Poet*,

CORPOREA NATURA *animum constare,*  
*animamque;*

or trust the *Mantuan Bard*, when he sings in divine numbers,

*Igneus est ollis vigor, et CÆLESTIS ORIGO  
Seminibus.—*

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(1) ΝΟΤΝ δὲ οὐδὲν ΣΩΜΑ γεννᾷ· πῶς γὰρ ἀν  
τὶ ΑΝΟΗΤΑ ΝΟΤΝ γεννήσοι; No BODY pro-  
duces MIND: for how should THINGS DEVOID OF  
MIND produce MIND? *Sallust de Diis et Mundo*, c. 8.

Ch.IV. BUT it is now time, to quit these Speculations. Those, who would trace them farther, and have leisure for such studies, may perhaps find themselves led into regions of Contemplation, affording them prospects both interesting and pleasant. We have at present said as much as was requisite to our Subject, and shall therefore pass from hence to our concluding chapter.

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*Subordination of Intelligence—Difference of Ideas, both in particular Men, and in whole Nations—Different Genius of different Languages—Character of the English, the Oriental, the Latin, and the Greek Languages—Superlative Excellence of the Last—Conclusion.*

ORIGINAL TRUTH (*a*), having the Ch. V. most intimate connection with the *supreme Intelligence*, may be said (as it were) to

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(*a*) Those Philosophers, whose Ideas of *Being* and *Knowlege* are derived from *Body* and *Sensation*, have a short method to explain the nature of TRUTH. It is a *factitious* thing, made by every man for himself; which comes and goes, just as it is remembered and forgot; which in the order of things makes its appearance *the last* of any, being not only subsequent to *sensible Objects*, but even to our *Sensations* of them. According to this Hypothesis, there are many Truths, which have been, and are no longer; others, that will be, and have not

Ch. V. to shine with unchangeable splendor, enlightening throughout the Universe every possible Subject, by nature susceptible of its benign influence. Passions and other obstacles may prevent indeed its efficacy, as clouds and vapours may obscure the Sun; but it self neither admits *Diminution*, nor *Change*, because the Darkness respects only particular Percipients. Among these therefore we must look for ignorance and

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not been yet; and multitudes, that possibly may never exist at all.

But there are other Reasoners, who must surely have had very different notions; those I mean, who represent **TRUTH** not as the *last*, but the *first* of Beings; who call it *immutable, eternal, omnipresent*; Attributes, that all indicate something more than human. To these it must appear somewhat strange, how men should imagine, that a crude account of the method *how they perceive Truth*, was to pass for an account of *Truth itself*; as if to describe the road to *London*, could be called a Description of that Metropolis.

For my own part, when I read the detail about *Sensation* and *Reflection*, and am taught the process at large how my Ideas are all generated, I seem to view

and error, and for that *Subordination* of Ch. V. *Intelligence*, which is their natural consequence.

WE have daily experience in the Works of ART, that a *partial Knowlege* will suffice for *Contemplation*, tho' we know not enough, to profess ourselves Artists. Much more is this true, with respect to NATURE; and well for mankind is it found

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the human Soul in the light of a Crucible, where Truths are produced by a kind of logical Chemistry. They may consist (for aught we know) of *natural materials*, but are as much *creatures of our own*, as a Bolus or Elixir.

If Milton by his URANIA intended to represent TRUTH, he certainly referred her to a much more ancient, as well as a far more noble origin.

— — — — — *Heav'ly born!*  
Before the hills appear'd, or fountains flow'd,  
Thou with eternal Wisdom didst converse,  
Wisdom thy Sister; and with her didst play  
In presence of th' almighty Father, pleas'd  
With thy celestial Song. — — — — — P. L. VII.

See *Proverbs* VIII. 22, &c. *Jeremiah*. X. 10.  
*Marc. Antonin.* IX. 1.

Ch. V. to be true, else never could we attain any *natural* Knowledge at all. For if the *constitutive Proportions* of a Clock are so subtle, that few conceive them truly, but the Artist himself; what shall we say to those *seminal Proportions*, which make the essence and character of every *natural Subject*?—Partial views, the Imperfections of Sense; Inattention, Idleness, the turbulence of Passions; Education, local Sentiments, Opinions, and Belief, conspire in many instances to furnish us with Ideas, some *too general*, some *too partial*, and (what is worse than all this) with many that are *erroneous*, and contrary to Truth. These it behoves us to correct as far as possible, by cool suspence and candid examination.

Nηφε, καὶ μέμνηστι ἀπιστεῖν, ἀρθρα ταῦτα  
τῶν φρενῶν.

AND thus by a connection perhaps little expected, the Cause of LETTERS, and that

that of VIRTUE appear to co-incide, it Ch. V. being the business of both *to examine our Ideas, and to amend them by the Standard of Nature and of Truth (b).*

IN this important Work, we shall be led to observe, how Nations, like single Men, have their *peculiar Ideas*; how these *peculiar Ideas* become THE GENIUS OF THEIR LANGUAGE, since the *Symbol* must of course correspond to its *Archetype (c)*;

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(b) How useful to ETHIC SCIENCE, and indeed to KNOWLEGE in general, a GRAMMATICAL DISQUISITION into the *Etymology and Meaning of WORDS* was esteemed by the chief and ablest Philosophers, may be seen by consulting *Plato* in his *Cratylus*; *Xenoph. Mem.* IV. 5. 6. *Arrian. Epīt. I.* 17. II. 10. *Marc. Anton. III. 11. V. 8. X. 8.*

(c) ΗΘΟΥΣ ΧΑΡΑΚΤΗΡ οἵ τοις αἰθρώπις ΛΟΓΟΣ. Stob. *Capiuntur Signa haud levia, sed observatu digna (quod fortasse quispiam non putarit) de ingeniiis et moribus populorum et nationum ex linguis ipsorum.* Bacon. de Augm. Scient. VI. 1. Vid. etiam *Quinetil.* L. XI. p. 675. Edit. Capperon. *Diog. L. I.* p. 58. et *Menag. Com. Tusc. Disp.* V. 16.

Ch. V. how the *wisest* Nations, having the *most* and *best Ideas*, will consequently have the *best* and *most copious Languages*; how others, whose Languages are motley and compounded, and who have borrowed from different countrys different Arts and Practices, discover by WORDS, to whom they are indebted for THINGS.

To illustrate what has been said, by a few examples. WE BRITONS in our time have been remarkable borrowers, as our *multiform* Language may sufficiently shew. Our Terms in *polite Literature* prove, that this came from *Greece*; our Terms in *Music* and *Painting*, that these came from *Italy*; our Phrases in *Cookery* and *War*, that we learnt these from the *French*; and our Phrases in *Navigation*, that we were taught by the *Flemings* and *Low Dutch*. These many and very different Sources of our Language may be the cause, why it is so deficient in *Regularity* and *Analogy*. Yet we have this advantage to compensate the defect,

defect, that what we want in *Elegance*, we Ch. V. gain in *Copiousness*, in which last respect ~~few~~ few Languages will be found superior to our own.

LET us pass from ourselves to the NATIONS OF THE EAST. The (*d*) Eastern World, from the earliest days, has been at all times the Seat of enormous Monarchy. On its natives fair Liberty never shed its genial influence. If at any time civil Discords arose among them (and arise there did innumerable) the contest was never about the Form of their Government; (for this was an object, of which the Combatants had no conception;) it was all from the poor motive of, *who should be their Master*, whether

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(*d*) Διὰ γὰρ τὸ διλικότερον εἶναι τὰ ἡθη ὁι μεν Βάρβαροι τῶν Ἑλλήνων, οἱ δὲ τερεὶ τὴν Ασίαν τῶν τερεὶ τὴν Ευρώπην, ὑπομένοσι τὴν δεσποτικὴν ἀρχὴν, ἀδέν δυχεραίνοντες. For the Barbarians by being more slavish in their Manners than the Greeks, and those of Asia than those of Europe, submit to despotic Government without murmuring or discontent. Arist. Polit. III. 4.

Ch. V. whether a *Cyrus* or an *Artaxerxes*, a *Ma-*  
*homet* or a *Mustapha*.

SUCH was their Condition, and what was the consequence?—Their Ideas became consonant to their servile State, and their Words became consonant to their servile Ideas. The great Distinction, for ever in their sight, was that of *Tyrant* and *Slave*; the most unnatural one conceivable, and the most susceptible of pomp, and empty exaggeration. Hence they talked of Kings as Gods, and of themselves, as the meanest and most abject Reptiles. Nothing was either great or little in moderation, but every Sentiment was heightened by incredible Hyperbole. Thus tho' they sometimes ascended into the *Great* and *Magnificent* (e), they as frequently degenerated

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(e) The truest Sublime of the East may be found in the Scriptures, of which perhaps the principal cause is the intrinsic Greatness of the Subjects there treated; the Creation of the Universe, the Dispensations of divine Providence, &c.

nerated into the *Tumid* and *Bombast*. *The Ch. V.*  
*Greeks too of Asia* became infected by their  
neighbours, who were often at times not  
only their neighbours, but their masters ;  
and hence that Luxuriance of the *Asiatic*  
*Stile*, unknown to the chaste eloquence  
and purity of *Athens*. But of the *Greeks* we  
forbear to speak now, as we shall speak of  
them more fully, when we have first con-  
sidered the Nature or Genius of the *Romans*.

AND what sort of People may we pro-  
nounce the *ROMANS*?—A Nation engaged  
in wars and commotions, some foreign,  
some domestic, which for seven hun-  
dred years wholly engrossed their thoughts.  
Hence therefore their *LANGUAGE* be-  
came, *like their Ideas*, copious in all Terms  
expressive of things *political*, and well  
adapted to the purposes both of *History*  
and *popular Eloquence*.—But what was  
their *Philosophy*?—As a Nation, it was  
none, if we may credit their ablest Writers.  
And hence the Unfitness of their Language  
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Ch. V. to this Subject ; a defect, which even *Cicero* is compelled to confess, and more fully makes appear, when he writes Philosophy himself, from the number of terms, which he is obliged to invent (f). *Virgil* seems

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(f) See *Cic. de Fin.* I. C. 1, 2, 3. III. C. 1, 2, 4, &c. but in particular *Tusc. Disp.* I. 3. where he says, *PHILOSOPHIA jacuit usque ad hanc ætatem, nec ullum habuit lumen LITERARUM LATINARUM ; quæ illustranda et excitanda nobis est ; ut si, &c.* See also *Tusc. Disp.* IV. 3. and *Acad.* I. 2. where it appears, that 'till *CICERO* applied himself to the writing of *Philosophy*, the *Romans* had nothing of the kind in their language, except some mean performances of *Amelianus* the *Epicurean*, and others of the same sect. How far the *Romans* were indebted to *Cicero* for *Philosophy*, and with what industry, as well as eloquence, he cultivated the Subject, may be seen not only from the titles of those Works that are now lost, but much more from the many noble ones still fortunately preserved.

The *Epicurean* Poet *LUCRETIUS*, who flourished nearly at the same time, seems by his silence to have over-looked the *Latin* writers of his own sect ; deriving all his *Philosophy*, as well as *Cicero*, from *Grecian* Sources ; and, like him, acknowledging the difficulty of writing *Philosophy in Latin*, both from the *Poverty* of the Tongue, and from the *Novelty* of the Subject.

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seems to have judged the most truly of his Ch. V. Countrymen, when admitting their inferiority in the more elegant Arts, he concludes at last with his usual majesty,

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*Nec me animi fallit, GRAIORUM obscura reperta  
Difficile inlustrare LATINIS versibus esse,  
(Multa novis rebus præfertim quom sit agendum,) Propter EGESTATEM LINGUÆ et RERUM NO-*

VITATEM :

*Sed tua me virtus tamen, et sperata voluptas  
Suavis amicitiæ quemvis perferre laborem  
Suadet —*

Lucr. I. 137.

In the same age, VARRO, among his numerous works, wrote some in the way of *Philosophy*; as did the Patriot BRUTUS, a Treatise concerning *Virtue*, much applauded by CICERO; but these Works are now lost.

Soon after the Writers above-mentioned came HORACE, some of whose Satires and Epistles may be justly ranked among the most valuable pieces of *Latin Philosophy*, whether we consider the purity of their Stile, or the great Address, with which they treat the Subject.

After *Horace*, tho' with as long an interval as from the days of *Augustus* to those of *Nero*, came the Satirist PERSIUS, the friend and disciple of the Stoic *Cornutus*; to whose precepts as he did honour by his virtuous Life,

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Ch. V. *Tu REGERE IMPERIO POPULOS, Ro-*  
*mane, memento,*  
*(Hæ tibi erunt artes) pacisque imponere*  
*morem,*  
*Parcere subjectis, et debellare superbos.*

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so his works, tho' small, shew an early proficiency in the Science of Morals. Of him it may be said, that he is almost the single *difficult* writer among the *Latin* Classics, whose meaning has sufficient merit, to make it worth while to labour thro' his obscurities.

In the same degenerate and tyrannic period, lived also **SENECA**; whose character, both as a Man and a Writer, is discussed with great accuracy by the noble Author of the *Characteristics*, to whom we refer.

Under a milder Dominion, that of *Hadrian* and the *Antonines*, lived **AULUS GELLIUS**, or (as some call him) **AGELLIUS**, an entertaining Writer in the miscellaneous way; well skilled in Criticism and Antiquity; who tho' he can hardly be entitled to the name of a *Philosopher*, yet deserves not to pass unmentioned here, from the curious fragments of Philosophy interspersed in his works.

With *Aulus Gellius* we range **MACROBIUS**, not because a Contemporary, (for he is supposed to have lived under

FROM considering the *Romans*, let us Ch. V.  
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under *Honorius* and *Theodosius*) but from his near resemblance, in the character of a Writer. His Works, like the other's, are miscellaneous; filled with Mythology and antient Literature, some Philosophy being intermixed. His Commentary upon the *Somnium Scipionis* of *Cicero* may be considered as wholly of the *philosophical* kind.

In the same age with *Aulus Gellius*, flourished **APULEIUS** of *Madaura* in *Africa*, a *Platonic* Writer, whose Matter in general far exceeds his perplexed and affected Stile, too conformable to the false Rhetoric of the Age when he lived.

Of the same Country, but of a later Age, and a harsher Stile, was **MARTIANUS CAPELLA**, if indeed he deserve not the name rather of a *Philologist*, than of a *Philosopher*.

After *Capella*, we may rank **CHALCIDIUS** the *Platonic*, tho' both his Age, and Country, and Religion are doubtful. His manner of writing is rather more agreeable than that of the two preceding, nor does he appear to be their inferior in the knowlege of Philosophy, his work being a laudable Commentary upon the *Timæus* of *Plato*.

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their Liberty, were the most heroic Confederacy, that ever existed. They were  
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The last *Latin* Philosopher was *BOETHIUS*, who was descended from some of the noblest of the *Roman* Families, and was Consul in the beginning of the sixth Century. He wrote many philosophical Works, the greater part in the *Logical* way. But his *Ethic* piece, *On the Consolation of Philosophy*, and which is partly prose, and partly verse, deserves great encomiums both for the Matter, and for the Stile; in which last he approaches the Purity of a far better age than his own, and is in all respects preferable to those crabbed *Africans* already mentioned. By command of *Theodoric* king of the *Goths*, it was the hard fate of this worthy Man to suffer death; with whom the *Latin Tongue*, and the last remains of *Roman Dignity*, may be said to have sunk in the western World.

There were other *Romans*, who left *Philosophical* Writings; such as *MUSONIUS RUFUS*, and the two Emperors, *MARCUS ANTONINUS* and *JULIAN*; but as these preferred the use of the *Greek Tongue* to their own, they can hardly be considered among the number of *Latin* Writers.

And so much (by way of sketch) for THE LATIN AUTHORS OF PHILOSOPHY; a small number for so vast an Empire, if we consider them as all the product of near six successive centuries.

the politest, the bravest, and the wisest of Ch. V. men. In the short space of little more than a Century, they became such Statesmen, Warriors, Orators, Historians, Physicians, Poets, Critics, Painters, Sculptors, Architects, and (last of all) Philosophers, that one can hardly help considering THAT GOLDEN PERIOD, as a Providential Event in honour of human Nature, to shew to what perfection the Species might ascend (g).

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(g) If we except *Homer*, *Hesiod*, and the *Lyric* Poets, we hear of few *Grecian* Writers before the expedition of *Xerxes*. After that Monarch had been defeated, and the dread of the *Persian* power was at an end, the *EFFULGENCE OF GRECIAN GENIUS* (if I may use the expression) broke forth, and shone till the time of *Alexander the Macedonian*, after whom it disappeared, and never rose again. This is that *Golden Period* spoken of above. I do not mean that *Greece* had not many writers of great merit subsequent to that period, and especially of the philosophic kind; but the *Great*, the *Striking*, the *Sublime* (call it as you please) attained at that time to a height, to which it never could ascend in any after age.

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The same kind of fortune befel the people of *Rome*. When the *Punic* wars were ended, and *Carthage* their dreaded Rival was no more, then (as *Horace* informs us) they began to cultivate the politer arts. It was soon after this, their great Orators, and Historians, and Poets arose, and *Rome*, like *Greece*, had her *Golden Period*, which lasted to the death of *Octavius Gæ-  
sar*.

I call these two Periods, from the two greatest Geniuses that flourished in each, one THE SOCRATIC PERIOD, the other THE CICERONIAN.

There are still farther analogies subsisting between them. Neither Period commenced, as long as solicitude for the common welfare engaged men's attentions, and such wars impended, as threatened their destruction by Foreigners and Barbarians. But when once these fears were over, a general security soon ensued, and instead of attending to the arts of defence and self-preservation, they began to cultivate those of Elegance and Pleasure. Now, as these naturally produced a kind of wanton insolence (not unlike the vicious temper of high fed animals) so by this the bands of union were insensibly dissolved. Hence then among the

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the *Greeks* that fatal *Peloponnesian* War, which together with other wars, its immediate consequence, broke the confederacy of their Commonwealths; wasted their strength; made them jealous of each other; and thus paved a way for the contemptible kingdom of *Macedon* to enslave them all, and ascend in a few years to universal Monarchy.

A like luxuriance of prosperity sowed discord among the *Romans*; raised those unhappy contests between the *Senate* and the *Gracchi*; between *Sylla* and *Marius*; between *Pompey* and *Cæsar*; till at length, after the last struggle for Liberty by those brave Patriots *Brutus* and *Cassius* at *Philippi*, and the subsequent defeat of *Antony* at *Aetium*; the *Romans* became subjects to the dominion of a FELLOW-CITIZEN.

It must indeed be confessed, that after *Alexander* and *Oætavius* had established their Monarchies, there were many bright Geniuses, who were eminent under their Government. *Aristotle* maintained a friendship and epistolary correspondence with *Alexander*. In the time of the same Monarch lived *Theophrastus*, and the Cynic, *Diogenes*. Then also *Demosthenes* and *Æschines* spoke their two celebrated Orations. So likewise in the time of *Oætavius*, *Virgil* wrote his *Eneid*, and with

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 — those exquisite in every kind, as the Ideas  
 for which they stood. And hence it fol-  
 lowed, there was not a Subject to be  
 found, which could not with propriety be  
 expressed in Greek.

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*Horace, Varius*, and many other fine Writers, partook of his protection and royal munificence. But then it must be remembered, that these men were bred and educated in the principles of a free Government. It was hence they derived that high and manly spirit, which made them the admiration of after-ages. The Successors and Forms of Government left by *Alexander* and *Oetavius*, soon stopt the growth of any thing farther in the kind. So true is that noble saying of *Longinus*—  
 Θρέψαι τε γὰρ ικανὴ τὰ φρουρίματα τῶν μεγαλοφρόνων  
 ἢ ΕΛΕΤΘΕΡΙΑ, καὶ ἐπελπίσαι, καὶ ἀμά διωθεῖν τὸ  
 πρόθυμον τῆς περὶ ἀλλήλως ἔριδος, καὶ τῆς περὶ τὰ  
 πρωτεῖα φιλοτιμίας. It is LIBERTY that is formed to  
 nurse the sentiments of great Geniuses; to inspire them  
 with hope; to push forward the propensity of contest one  
 with another, and the generous emulation of being the first  
 in rank. De Subl. Sect 44.

native Elegance of a *Philemon* or *Menander*; for the amorous Strains of a *Mimnermus* or *Sappho*; for the rural Lays of a *Theocritus* or *Bion*; and for the sublime Conceptions of a *Sophocles* or *Homer*. The same in Prose. Here *Isocrates* was enabled to display his Art, in all the accuracy of Periods, and the nice counterpoise of Diction. Here *Demosthenes* found materials for that nervous Composition, that manly force of unaffected Eloquence, which rushed, like a torrent, too impetuous to be withheld.

Who were more different in exhibiting their *Philosophy*, than *Xenophon*, *Plato*, and his disciple, *Aristotle*? Different, I say, in their character of *Composition*; for as to their *Philosophy itself*, it was in reality *the same*. *Aristotle*, strict, methodic, and orderly; subtle in Thought; sparing in Ornament; with little address to the Passions or Imagination; but exhibiting the whole with

Ch. V. such a pregnant brevity, that in every  
 — sentence we seem to read a page. How exquisitely is this all performed *in Greek*? Let those, who imagine it may be done as well in another Language, satisfy themselves either by attempting to translate him, or by perusing his translations already made by men of learning. On the contrary, when we read either *Xenophon* or *Plato*, nothing of this *method* and strict *order* appears. The *Formal* and *Didactic* is wholly dropt. Whatever they may teach, it is without professing to be teachers; a train of Dialogue and truly polite Address, in which, as in a Mirrour, we behold human Life, adorned in all its colours of Sentiment and Manners.

AND yet though these differ in this manner from the *Stagirite*, how different are they likewise in character from each other? — *Plato*, copious, figura-

tive, and majestic ; intermixing at times Ch. V. the facetious and satiric ; enriching his Works with Tales and Fables, and the mystic Theology of ancient times. *Xenophon*, the Pattern of perfect simplicity ; every where smooth, harmonious, and pure ; declining the figurative, the marvelous, and the mystic ; ascending but rarely into the Sublime ; nor then so much trusting to the colours of Stile, as to the intrinsic dignity of the Sentiment itself.

THE Language in the mean time, in which *He* and *Plato* wrote, appears to suit so accurately with the Stile of both, that when we read either of the two, we cannot help thinking, that it is he alone, who has hit its character, and that it could not have appeared so elegant in any other manner.

AND thus is THE GREEK TONGUE, from its *Propriety and Universality*, made

Ch. V. for all that is great, and all that is beautiful, in every Subject, and under every Form of writing.

GRAIIS *ingenium*, GRAIIS *debit ore*  
*rotundo*  
*Musa loqui.*

IT were to be wished, that those amongst us, who either write or read, with a view to employ their liberal leisure (for as to such, as do either from views more sordid, we leave them, like Slaves, to their destined drudgery) it were to be wished, I say, that the liberal (if they have a relish for letters) would inspect the finished Models of *Grecian Literature*; that they would not waste those hours, which they cannot recall, upon the meaner productions of the *French* and *English* Press; upon that fungous growth of Novels and of Pamphlets, where, it is to be feared, they rarely find

any rational pleasure, and more rarely Ch. V.  
still, any solid improvement.

To be *competently* skilled in antient learning, is by no means a work of such insuperable pains. The very progress itself is attended with delight, and resembles a Journey through some pleasant Country, where every mile we advance, new charms arise. It is certainly as easy to be a Scholar, as a Gamester, or many other Characters equally illiberal and low. The same application, the same quantity of habit will fit us for one, as completely as for the other. And as to those who tell us, with an air of seeming wisdom, that *it is Men, and not Books,* we must study to become knowing; this I have always remarked from repeated Experience, to be the common consolation and language of Dunces. They shelter their ignorance under a few bright Examples, whose transcendent abilities, without the common

Ch. V. common helps, have been sufficient of  
themselves to great and important Ends.  
But alas !

*Decipit exemplar vitiis imitabile—*

IN truth, each man's Understanding, when ripened and mature, is a composite of *natural Capacity*, and of *super-induced Habit*. Hence the greatest Men will be necessarily those, who possess *the best Capacities*, cultivated with *the best Habits*. Hence also moderate Capacities, when adorned with valuable Science, will far transcend others the most acute by nature, when either neglected, or applied to low and base purposes. And thus for the honour of CULTURE and GOOD LEARNING, they are able to render a man, if he will take the pains, intrinsically more excellent than his natural Superiors.

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AND so much at present as to GENERAL Ch. V.  
IDEAS; *how we acquire them; whence* ~~they are derived; what is their Nature; and what their connection with Language.  
So much likewise as to the Subject of this  
Treatise, UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR.~~

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## A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

**T**HE following Notes are either Translations of former Notes, or Additions to them. The additional are chiefly Extracts from Greek Manuscripts, which (as the Author has said already concerning others of the same kind) are valuable both for their Rarity, and for their intrinsic Merit.



## ADDITIONAL NOTES.

PAG. 95.—TO STOP, &c.] The Quotation from *Proclus* in the Note may be thus rendered—**THAT THING IS AT REST, WHICH FOR A TIME PRIOR AND SUBSEQUENT IS IN THE SAME PLACE, both itself, and its Parts.**

P. 105. In the Note, for *γιγνόμενον* read *γενόμενον*, and render the passage thus—*For by this faculty (namely the faculty of Sense) we neither know the Future, nor the Past, but the Present only.*

P. 106. NOTE (d).] The passage of *Philoponus* here referred to, but by mistake omitted, has respect to the notion of beings *corporeal* and *sensible*, which were said to be *nearly approaching to Non-Entitys*. The Author explains this among other reasons, by the following—Πῶς δὲ τοῖς μὴ ἔστι γειτνιάζει; Πρῶτον μὲν, ἐπειδὴ ἐνταῦθα τὸ παρελθόν ἐστι καὶ τὸ μέλλον, ταῦτα δὲ μὴ ὄντα· τὸ μὲν γὰρ οὐφάνισαι καὶ ἐκ ἔτι ἐστὶ, τὸ δὲ ἐπώνυμον ἐστι· συμπαραθέει δὲ τῷ χρόνῳ τὰ φύσικα πάντα, μᾶλλον δὲ τῆς κινήσεως αὐτῶν παραπολόθημά ἐστι ὁ χρόνος. *How therefore is it that they approach nearly to Non-Entitys? In the first place, because HERE (where they exist) exists THE PAST and THE FUTURE, and these are NON-ENTITYS; for the one is vanished, and is no more, the other is not as yet. Now all natural Substances pass away along with TIME, or rather it is upon their Motion that TIME is an Attendant.*

P. 119—in the Note here subjoined mention is made of the REAL Now, or INSTANT, and its efficacy. To which we may add, that there is not only a *necessary* Connection between *Existence* and the *Present Instant*, because *no other Point of Time* can properly be said to be, but also between *Existence* and *Life*, because whatever *lives*, by the same reason necessarily *Is*. Hence *Sophocles*, speaking of *Time present*, elegantly says of it—

—χρόνῳ τῷ ζώντι, καὶ παρόντι: νῦν.

THE LIVING, and Now present TIME.

Trachin. V. 1185.

P. 227.—The Passage in *Virgil*, of which *Servius* here speaks, is a description of *Turnus*'s killing two brothers, *Ambycus* and *Diores*; after which the Poet says of him,

—curru abscissa DUORUM  
Suspendit capita —————

This, literally translated, is—he hung up on his chariot the heads of Two persons, which were cut off, whereas the Sense requires, of THE Two persons, that is to say, of *Ambycus* and *Diores*. Now this by *Amborum* would have been exprest properly, as *Amborum* means THE Two; by *Duorum* is exprest improperly, as it means only Two indefinitely.

P. 259.—The Passage in Note (o) from *Themistius*, may be thus rendered—Nature in many instances appears to make her transition by little and little, so that in some Beings it may be doubted, whether they are Animal, or Vegetable.

P. 294. Note (c)—*There are in the number of things many, which have a most known EXISTENCE, but a most unknown ESSENCE; such for example as Motion, Place, and more than either of them, Time. The EXISTENCE of each of these is known and indisputable, but what their ESSENCE is, or Nature, is among the most difficult things to discern. The Soul also is in the same Class: that it is something, is most evident; but what it is, is a matter not so easy to learn.* Alex. Aphrod. p. 142.

P. 340.—**LANGUAGE—INCAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING DEMONSTRATION.**] See Three Treatises, or Vol. I. p. 220, and the additional note on the words, *The Source of infinite Truths, &c.*

P. 368.—in the Note—*yet so held the Philosopher of Malmesbury, and the Author of the Essay, &c.]*

Philoponus, from the Philosophy of Plato and Pythagoras, seems to have far excelled these *Moderns* in his account of WISDOM or PHILOSOPHY, and its *Attributes, or essential Characters.*—*Ίδιον γὰρ φιλοσοφίας τὸ ἐν τοῖς τολλοῖς ἔχεται διάφορὰν δεῖξαι τὸν κοινωνίαν, καὶ τὸ ἐν τοῖς τολλοῖς ἔχεται κοινωνίαν δεῖξαι τὸν διάφερον. οὐ γὰρ δυχεῖται τὸ δεῖξαι φάτνης (lege φάτης) καὶ τερισερᾶς κοινωνίαν, (ταῦτι γὰρ τρεπτὸν) ἀλλ᾽ οὐ (lege ὅπε) τὸ διάφορον τέτων ἐπειν. οὐδὲ κυνὸς καὶ ἵππου διάφορὰν, ἀλλὰ τὸ κοινὸν ἔχεται.* IT IS THE PROPER BUSINESS OF PHILOSOPHY TO SHEW IN MANY THINGS, WHICH HAVE DIFFERENCE, WHAT IS THEIR COMMON CHARACTER; and IN MANY THINGS, WHICH HAVE A COMMON CHARACTER, THRO' WHAT IT IS THEY DIFFER.

is indeed no difficult matter to shew the common Character of a Wood-Pigeon and a Dove, (for this is evident to every one) but rather to tell where lies the Difference; nor to tell the Difference between a Dog and a Horse, but rather to shew, what they possess in common. Philop. Com. MS. in Nicomach. Arithm.

P. 379—THEY ARE MORE EXQUISITE THAN, &c.] The Words of Aristotle, here referred to, are these—μᾶλλον δ' ἐστι τὸ ἔεναι καὶ τὸ καλὸν ἐν τοῖς τῆς Φύσεως ἔργοις, οὐ ἐν τοῖς τῆς τεχνῆς. THE PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN and BEAUTY are more in the Works of NATURE, than they are in those of ART.

P. 379.—WE MUST OF NECESSITY ADMIT A MIND, &c.] The following quotation, taken from the third book of a manuscript *Comment of Proclus on the Parmenides of Plato*, is here given for the sake of those, who have curiosity with regard to the doctrine of IDEAS, as held by antient Philosophers.

Εἰ δὲ δεῖ συντόμως ἐπεῖν τὴν ἀιτίαν τῆς τῶν ἴδεων ὑποθέσεως, διὸ οὐκ ἐκείνοις θέρετε, ἥπτεον ὅτι ταῦτα πάντα  
τοια ὁρατὰ, φράντα καὶ ὑπὸ σελήνην, οὐ ἀπὸ ταῦλομάτω  
ἐστιν, οὐ κατ' ἀιτίαν ἀλλ' ἀπὸ ταῦλομάτων ἀδύνατον  
ἐστι γάρ ἐν τοῖς ὑσέροις τὰ κρέιττονα, νῦν, καὶ λόγος,  
καὶ ἀιτία, καὶ τὰ ἀιτίας, καὶ γὰρ τὰ ἀποτελέσματα  
κρέιττω τῶν ἀρχῶν, πρὸς τῷ καὶ ὁ Φησιν ὁ Ἀριστότελος  
δεῖ πρὸ τῶν κατὰ συμβεβηκός ἀιτίων εἶναι τὰ καθ' ἀν-  
τὰ, τάτων γάρ ἐκβασίς τὸ κατὰ συμβεβηκός ὥσε τῷ  
ἀπὸ ταῦλομάτων πρεσβύτερον ἀν οὐ τὸ κατ' ἀιτίαν, εἰ καὶ  
ἀπὸ ταῦλομάτων τὰ Θειότατα οὐ τῶν φανερῶν. If  
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therefore we are to relate concisely the Cause, why THE HYPOTHESIS OF IDEAS pleased them (namely Parmenides, Zeno, Socrates, &c.) we must begin by observing that all the various visible objects around us, the heavenly as well as the sublunary, are either from CHANCE, or according to a CAUSE. FROM CHANCE IS IMPOSSIBLE; for then the more excellent things (such as Mind, and Reason, and Cause, and the Effects of Cause) will be among those things that come last, and so the ENDINGS of things will be more excellent than their BEGINNINGS. To which too may be added what Aristotle says; that ESSENTIAL CAUSES OUGHT TO BE PRIOR TO ACCIDENTAL, in as much as EVERY ACCIDENTAL CAUSE IS A DEVIATION FROM THEM; so that whatever is the Effect of such essential Cause [as is indeed every work of Art and human Ingenuity] must needs be prior to that which is the Effect of Chance, even tho' we were to refer to Chance the most divine of visible objects, [the Heavens themselves].

The Philosopher, having thus proved a *definite Cause* of the World in opposition to *Chance*, proceeds to shew that from the Unity and concurrent Order of things this Cause must be ONE. After which he goes on, as follows.—

—'Ει μὲν οὐ ἀλογον τῆτο, ἀτοπον. ἔσαι γάρ τι πάλιν τῶν οὐσέρων τῆς τέτων αἰτίας χρεῖτον, τὸ κατὰ λόγον καὶ γνῶσιν τοιαῦν, ἔισω τῇ Παντὸς οὐ, καὶ τῇ "Ολύμπῳ, οὐ ἐσιν ἀπ' αἰτίας ἀλόγη τοιεῖτο. 'Ει δὲ λόγον ἔχουν, καὶ αὐτὸ γνῶσκουν, οἶδεν ἐαυτὸ δῆπε τῶν πάντων αἰτίου οὐ, οὐ τῆτο ἀγνοεῖν, ἀγνοήσει τὴν ἐαυτῆς Φύσιν. 'Ει δὲ οἶδεν, οὐτε κατ' οὐσίαν ἐσὶ τῇ παντὸς αἰτίου, τὸ

δὲ ὠρισμένως ἵδος Θάτερου, καὶ Θάτερου ἕιδεν ἐξ ἀνά-  
κης, ὅιδεν ἄρα καὶ τὸ ἔσιν αἰτιον ὠρισμένως. ὅιδεν τὸν καὶ  
τὸ Πᾶν, καὶ πάντας ἐξ ὧν τὸ Πᾶν, ὧν ἔστι καὶ αἰτιον.  
Καὶ εἰ τῦτο, τὸτε εἰς ἐκυτὸν ἄρα βλέπον, καὶ ἐκυτὸν γε-  
νῶσκον, ὅιδε τὰ μετ' αὐτό. Λόγοις ἄρα καὶ ἕιδεσιν αὐ-  
λοις ὅιδε τὸς Κοσμικὸς Λόγος, καὶ τὰ ἕιδη, ἐξ ὧν τὸ  
Πᾶν, καὶ ἔσιν ἐν αὐτῷ τὸ Πᾶν, ὡς ἐν αἰτίᾳ, χωρὶς τῆς  
ὑλῆς. — Now if this Cause be void of Reason, that indeed would be absurd; for then again there would be something among those things, which come last in order, more excellent than their Principle or Cause. I mean by more excellent, something operating according to Reason and Knowledge, and yet within that Universe, and a Part of that Whole, which is, what it is, from a Cause devoid of Reason.

But if, on the contrary, THE CAUSE OF THE UNIVERSE BE A CAUSE, HAVING REASON and knowing itself, it of course knows itself to be the Cause of all things; else being ignorant of this, it would be ignorant of its own nature. But if it know, that from ITS VERY ESSENCE IT IS THE CAUSE OF THE UNIVERSE, and if that, which knows one part of a Relation definitely, knows also of necessity the other, it knows for this reason definitely the thing of which it is the Cause. IT KNOWS THEREFORE THE UNIVERSE, and all things out of which the Universe is composed, of all which also it is the Cause. But if this be true, it is evident that BY LOOKING INTO ITSELF, AND BY KNOWING ITSELF, IT KNOWS WHAT COMES AFTER ITSELF, AND IS SUBSEQUENT. It is therefore, through certain REASONS and FORMS DEVOID OF MATTER that

that it knows those mundane Reasons and Forms, out of which the Universe is composed, and that the Universe is in it, as in a Cause, distinct from and without the Matter.

P. 380—AGREEABLE TO WHICH IDEAS THESE WORKS ARE FASHIONED, &c.] It is upon these Principles that Nicomachus in his *Arithmetic*, p. 7. calls the Supreme Being an *Artist*—ἐν τῇ τῷ τεχνίτῃ Θεῷ διανοίᾳ, in *Dei artificis mente*. Where Philoponus, in his *manuscript Comment*, observes as follows —τεχνίτην Φοῖτὴν Θεὸν, ὡς τάντων τὰς πρώτας αἰτίας καὶ τὰς λόγιας αὐτῶν ἔχοντα. He calls GOD an ARTIST, as possessing within himself the first Causes of all things, and their Reasons or Proportions. Soon after speaking of those Sketches, after which Painters work and finish their Pictures, he subjoins—ώσπερ γνήματις, εἰς τὰ τοιαῦτα σκιαγραφήματα βλέποντες, ποιοῦμεν τόδε τι, γάρ τω καὶ ὁ δημιουργός, πρὸς ἔκεινα ἀποβλέπων, τὰ τῆδε τάντα πεπόσμηκεν· ἀλλ' οὐτοί, ὅτι τὰ μὲν τῆδε σκιαγραφήματα ἀτελῆ εἰσιν, ἔκεινοι δὲ οἱ ἐν τῷ Θεῷ λόγοι ἀρχέτυποι καὶ τάνταλειοί εἰσιν. As therefore we, looking upon such Sketches as these, make such and such particular things, so also the Creator, looking at those Sketches of his, hath formed and adorned with beauty all things here below. We must remember however, that the Sketches here are imperfect; but that the others, those Reasons or Proportions, which exist in GOD, are ARCHETYPAL and ALL-PERFECT.

It is according to this Philosophy, that *Milton* represents God, after he had created this visible World, contemplating

— how it shew'd  
*In prospect from his throne, how good, how fair,  
ANSW'RING HIS GREAT IDEA —*

P. Lost, VII. 556.

*Proclus* proves the Existence of these GENERAL IDEAS or UNIVERSAL FORMS by the following Arguments.— *εἰ τοίνυν ἐσὶν ἀιτία τῆς ταῦτος ἀυτῷ τῷ ἔναις τοιχσα, τὸ δὲ ἀυτῷ τῷ ἔναις τοιχόν ἀπὸ τῆς ἑαυτῆς τοιεῖ ὔσιας τὕτο ἐσὶ τρώτως, ὅπερ τὸ τοιχμένου δευτέρως καὶ ὅ ἐσὶ τρώτως, δίδωσι τῷ τοιχμένῳ δευτέρως· οἶν τὸ τρῦπα καὶ δίδωσι θερμότητα ἄλλω, καὶ ἐσὶ θερμὸν, καὶ ψυχὴ δίδωσι ζωὴν, καὶ ἔχει ζωὴν, καὶ ἐπὶ ταῦτων ἔδοις ἀντίτηταν λόγου, ὅσα ἀυτῷ τῷ ἔναις τοιχοί. καὶ τὸ ἀιτίου ὖν τῆς ταῦτος ἀυτῷ τῷ ἔναις τοιχόν τὕτο ἐσὶ τρώτως, ὅπερ ὁ κόσμος δευτέρως. εἰ δὴ ὁ κόσμος ταλάρωμα ἐιδῶν ἐσὶ ταῦτοις, εἴη ἀντὶ τοῦ καὶ ἐν τῷ ἀιτίῳ τῆς κόσμου ταῦτα τρώτως· τὸ γάρ ἀυτὸς ἀιτίου καὶ ἥλιος, καὶ σελήνης, καὶ ἀνθρώπου ὑπέρηψε, καὶ ἵππου, καὶ ὄλως τὰ ἔιδη, τὰ ἐν τῷ ταῦτι. ταῦτα ἀρα τρώτως ἐσὶν ἐν τῇ ἀιτίᾳ τῆς ταῦτος, ἄλλος ἥλιος ταράττει τὸν ἐμφανῆ, καὶ ἄλλος ἀνθρώπος, καὶ τῶν ἐιδῶν ὁμοίως ἔκαστον. ἐσὶν ἀρα τὰ ἔιδη τρώτων ἀιτητῶν, καὶ ἀιτίᾳ ἀυτῶν τὰ δημιουργικὰ κατὰ τὸν ἐιρημένου λόγουν, ἐν τῇ μιᾷ τῆς κόσμου ταῦτος ἀιτίᾳ τρούπαρχοντα.* If therefore THE CAUSE OF THE UNIVERSE be a Cause which operates merely by existing, and if that which operates merely by existing, operate from its own proper Essence, such CAUSE IS PRIMARILY, WHAT ITS EFFECT IS SECONDARILY, and that, which it is primarily, it giveth to its Effect secondarily. It is thus that Fire both giveth Warmth

to something else, and is itself warm ; that the Soul giveth Life, and possesseth Life ; and this reasoning you may perceive to be true in all things whatever, which operate merely by existing. It follows therefore, THAT THE CAUSE OF THE UNIVERSE, operating after this manner, IS THAT PRIMARILY, WHICH THE WORLD IS SECONDARILY. If therefore the WORLD be the plenitude of FORMS of all Sorts, these FORMS MUST ALSO BE PRIMARILY IN THE CAUSE OF THE WORLD, for it was the same Cause, which constituted the Sun, and the Moon, and Man, and Horse, and in general all the Forms existing in the Universe. These therefore exist primarily in the Cause of the Universe ; another Sun besides the apparent, another Man, and so with respect to every Form else. The FORMS therefore, PREVIOUS to the sensible and external Forms, and which according to this reasoning are their ACTIVE and EFFICIENT CAUSES, are to be found PRE-EXISTING IN THAT ONE AND COMMON CAUSE OF ALL THE UNIVERSE.

Procli Com. MS. in Plat. Parmenid. L. 3.

We have quoted the above passages for the same reason, as the former ; for the sake of those, who may have a curiosity to see a sample of this *antient Philosophy*, which (as some have held) may be traced up from *Plato* and *Socrates* to *Parmenides*, *Pythagoras*, and *Orpheus* himself.

If the Phrase, *to operate merely by existing*, should appear questionable, it must be explained upon a supposition, that in the Supreme Being no Attributes are secondary, intermittent, or adventitious, but all original, ever perfect and essential. See p. 162, 359.

That we should not therefore think of a *blind unconscious* operation, like that of Fire here alluded to, the Author had long before prepared us, by *uniting Knowledge with natural Efficacy*, where he forms the Character of these *Divine and Creative Ideas*.

But let us hear him in his own Language.—ἀλλ᾽ ἔιστερ ἐθέλοιμεν τὴν ἴδιοτητα ἀντῶν (sc. Ιδεῶν) ἀφορίσασθας διὰ τῶν γνωριμωτέρων, ἀπὸ μὲν τῶν Φυσικῶν λόγων λάβωμεν τὸ ἀντῷ τῷ εἶναι τοιποτικὸν, ὃν δὴ καὶ τοιότις· ἀπὸ δὲ τῶν τεχνικῶν τὸ γνωσικὸν, ὃν τοιότις, εἰ καὶ μὴ ἀντῷ τῷ εἶναι τοιότις, καὶ ταῦτα ἐνώσαντες φῶμεν αἰτίας εἶναι τὰς Ιδέας δημιουργικὰς ἀμα καὶ νοερὰς πάντων τῶν κατὰ Φύσιν ἀποτελεμένων. But if we should chuse to define the peculiar character of IDEAS by things more known to us than themselves, let us assume from NATURAL PRINCIPLES THE POWER OF EFFECTING, MERELY BY EXISTING, all the things that they effect; and from ARTIFICIAL PRINCIPLES THE POWER OF COMPREHENDING all that they effect, although they did not effect them merely by existing; and then uniting those two, let us say that IDEAS are at once the EFFICIENT and INTELLIGENT CAUSES of all things produced according to Nature. From book the second of the same Comment.

The Schoolman, *Thomas Aquinas*, a subtle and acute writer, has the following sentence, perfectly corresponding with this Philosophy. *Res omnes comparantur ad Divinum Intellectum, sicut artificiata ad Artem.*

The Verses of *Orpheus* on this subject may be found in the tract *De Mundo*, ascribed to *Aristotle*, p. 23. Edit. *Sylburg.*

Ζεῦς πέρσην γένετο, Ζεῦς κ. τ. λ.

P. 391—WRERE ALL THINGS LIE INVELOPED,  
[&c.]

—ὅσα τέρ τές τΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ κατὰ δή τινα με-  
ρισμὸν, τοσαῦτα καὶ ΤΟ ΕΝ ἐκεῖνο τρόπῳ τὸ μερισμὲ  
κατὰ τὸ ταῦτη ἀμερές· ό γάρ ἐν, ὡς ἐλάχισον, κα-  
θάπτερ ὁ Σπεύσιππος ἔδοξε λέγειν, ἀλλ' ΕΝ, ΩΣ  
ΠΑΝΤΑ. *As numerous as is the Multitude of Individuals by Partition, so numerous also is that Principle of Unity by universal Impartibility. For it is not ONE, as a MINIMUM is one, (according to what Speucippus seemed to say,) but it is ONE, as being ALL THINGS.* Damascius τερὶς Ἀρχῶν, MS.

P. 408—THE WISEST NATIONS—THE MOST COPIOUS LANGUAGES.] It is well observed by *Muretus*—*Nulli unquam, qui res ignorarent, nomina, quibus eas exprimerent, quæsierunt.* Var. Lect. VI. 1.

P. 411.—BUT WHAT WAS THEIR PHILOSOPHY?] The same *Muretus* has the following passage upon the ROMAN TASTE FOR PHILOSOPHY.—  
*Bæti autem illi, et opulentii, et omnium gentium victores ROMANI, in petendis honoribus, et in prensandis civibus, et in exteris nationibus verbo componendis, re compilandis occupati, philosophandi curam servis aut libertis suis, et Græculis esurientibus relinquebant. Ipsi, quod ab avaritiae,*

tia, quod ab ambitione, quod a voluptatibus reliquum erat temporis, ejus si partem aliquam aut ad audiendum Græcum quempiam philosophum, aut ad aliquem de philosophia libellum vel legendum vel scribendum contulissent, jam se ad eruditionis culmen pervenisse, jam vietam a se et profligatam jacere Græciam somniabant. Var. Lect. VI. 1.

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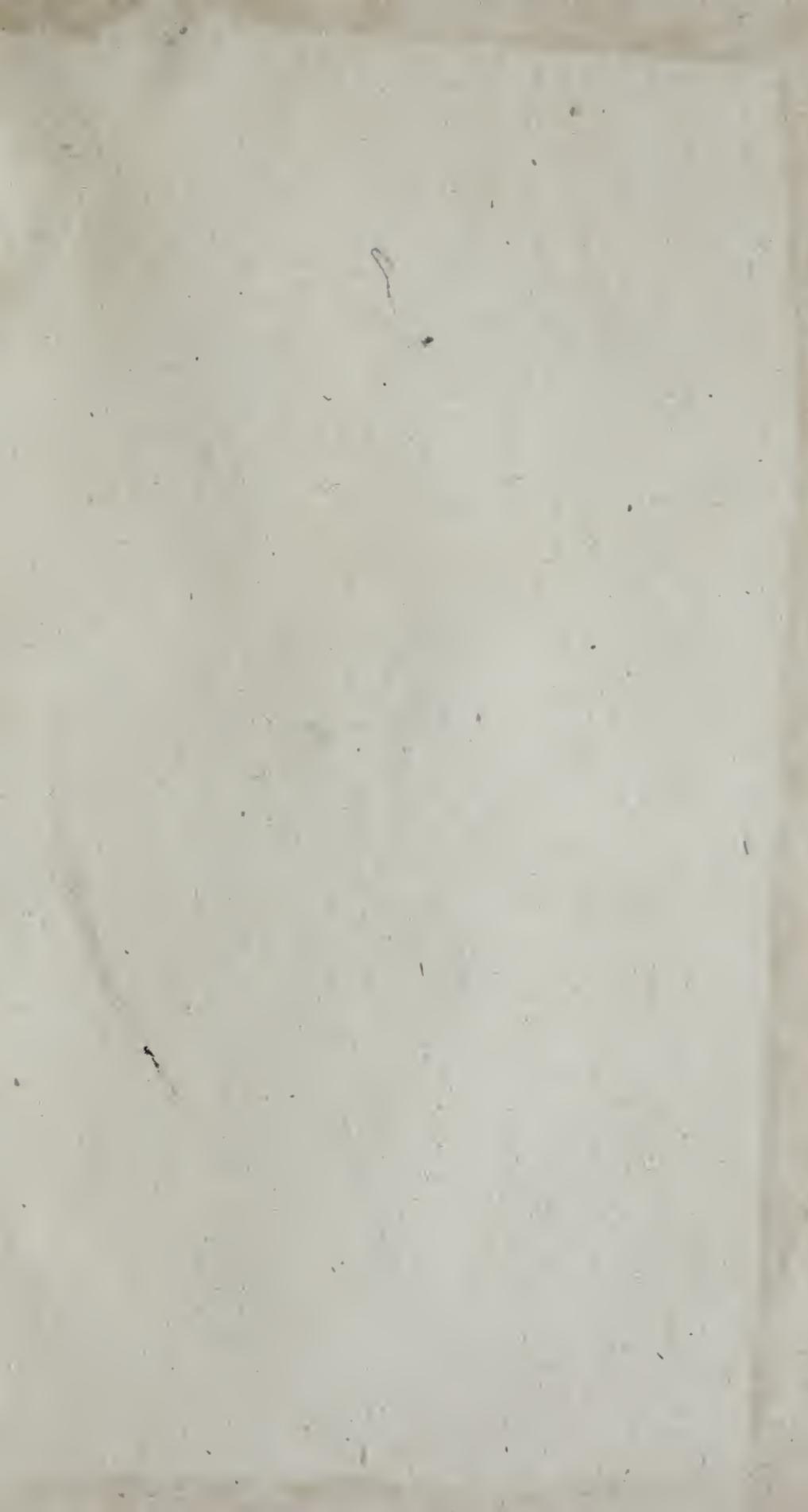
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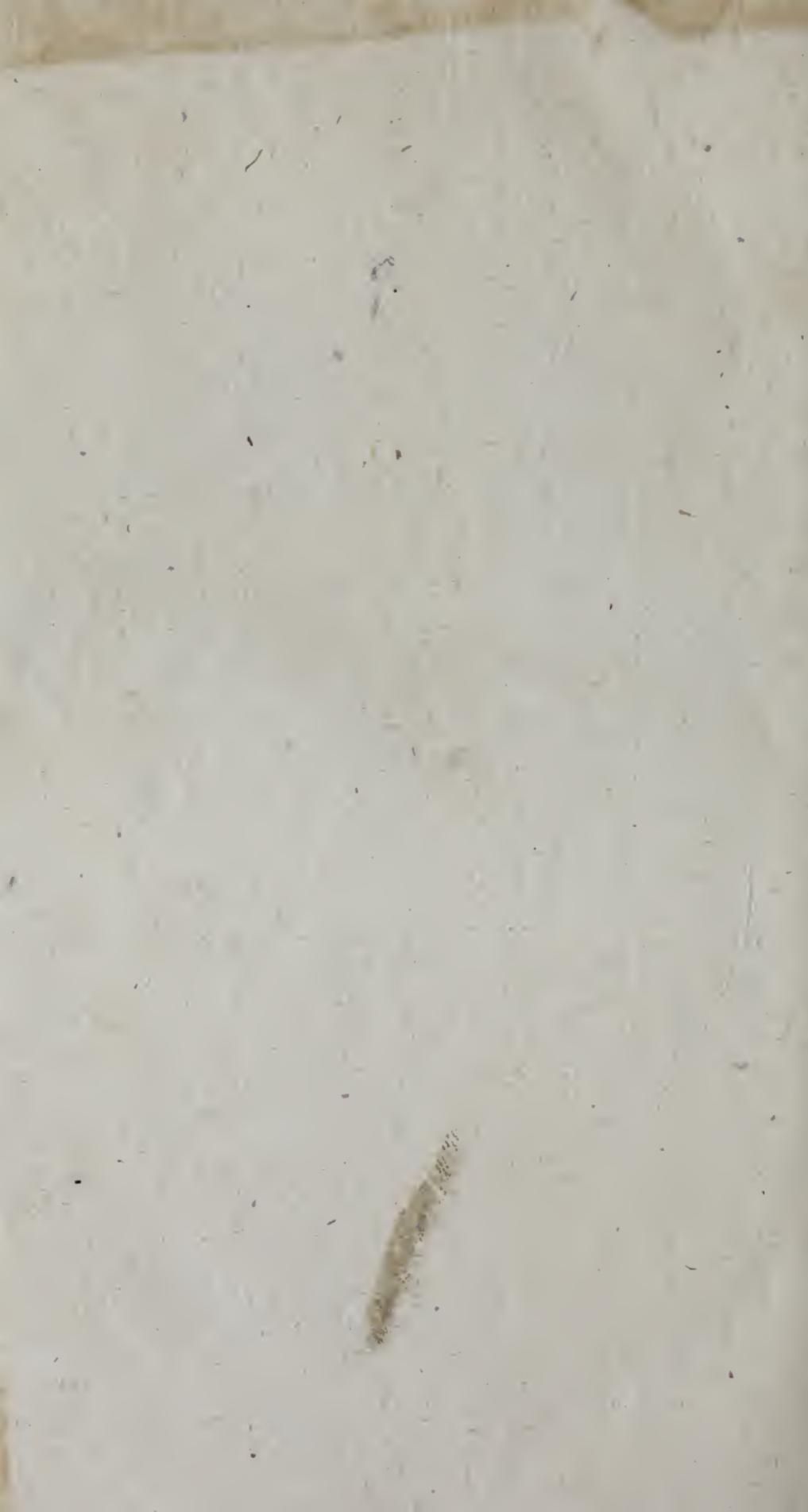


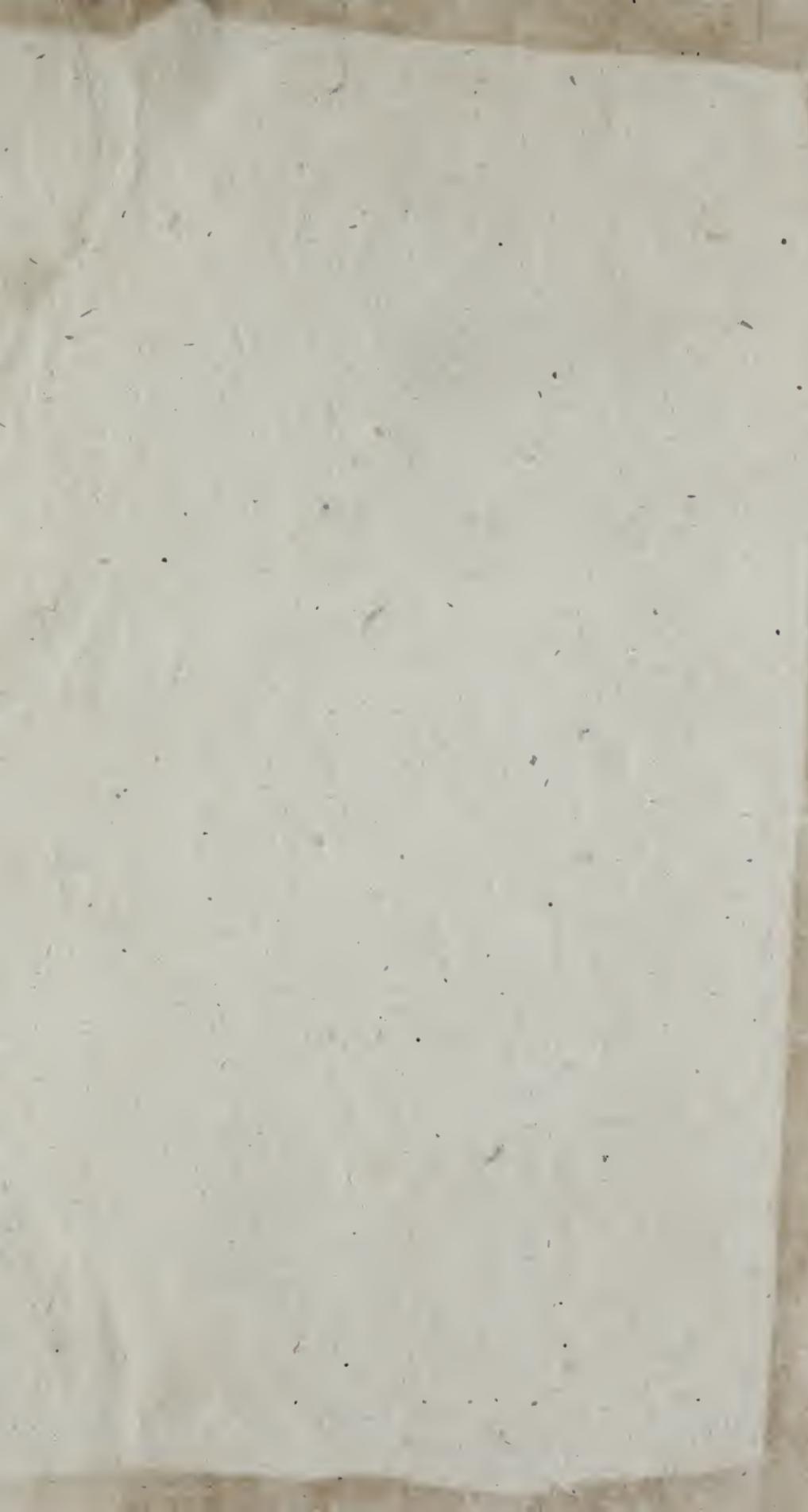
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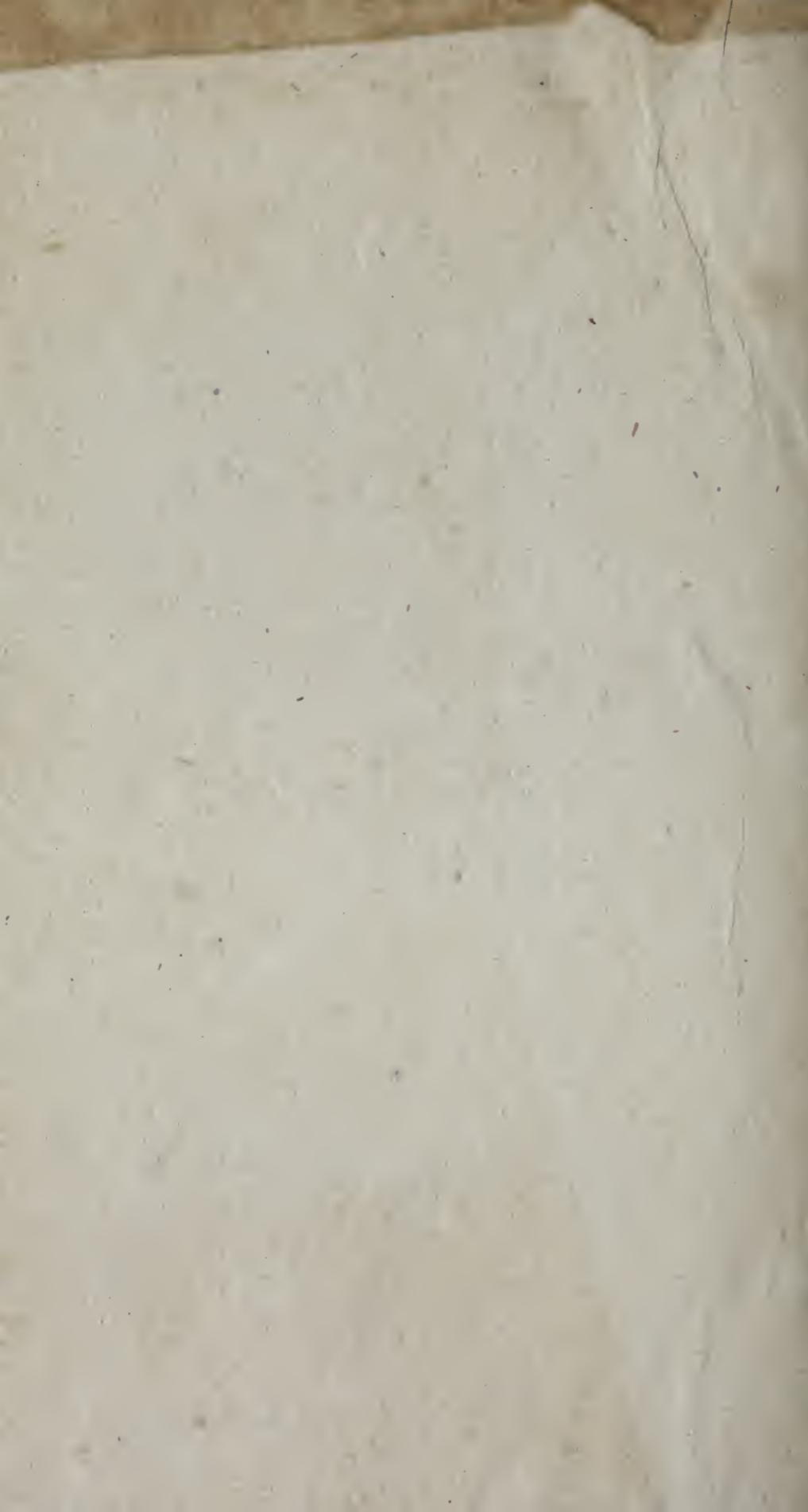
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